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This rendering by Jenkins-Peer Architects shows the praposed Watson School of Education and Educational Resaurce Center, one af several classroom buildings that UNCW will be able to build with the passage of the Higher Education Facilities Bond Referendum on Nov. 7.

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Kamenish receives top faculty honors

English professor Paula K. Kamenish received top honors at the fall faculty meeting and awards ceremony with both a Distinguished Teaching Professorship and the UNCW Board of Trustees Teaching Excellence Award.

In addition to a $5,000 three-year stipend, she also received a $1,500 award and two distinguished teaching medallions.

Also honored with Distinguished Teaching Professorships were sociology professor Stephen J. McNamee and economics and finance professor Kevin J. Sigler.

The professorships recognize faculty who make outstanding contributions to the instructional program at UNCW, while the trustees' award is given to an individual who makes significant contributions to higher education through his or her dedication and service to students.

Chancellor's Teaching Excellence Awards were presented to Ferenc Altrichter, philosophy and religion; Julian R. Keith, psychology; Lynn A. Leonard, earth sciences; Mahnaz Moallem, specialty studies; and Joanne W. Rockness, accountancy and business law.

Faculty Scholarship Awards went to Carol A. Pilgrim, psychology; Randall K. Hanson, business law; and Martin Posey, biological sciences. They were recognized because of their significant contributions to the university and the academic community through their commitment to scholarship, research and creativity. They also foster interest and involvement of students and colleagues in scholarship and creative work. Each received a $1,500 award and a UNCW medallion.

Two new awards recognized faculty who excel at teaching at the graduate level and have an established record of mentoring students who received master's degrees. The Graduate Mentor Awards went to Philip Gerard, creating writing, and Robert Roer, biological sciences.

Graduate Teaching Excellence Awards went to Edith L. Skipper, curricular studies; Gina M. Panasik, biological sciences; Eric D. Vrooman and Derek R. Nikitas, creative arts; Mark E. Reinhold, earth sciences; and Kristin M. Smith, English.

Academic bar raised by the Class of 2004

UNCW began the 2000-2001 academic year on a new plateau. National recognition of its undergraduate teaching and overall academic excellence has helped the university draw many outstanding men and women to campus.

There were 7,870 applicants for the freshman class of 1,600; 57.7 percent were accepted and approximately 1,650 are enrolled this fall, bringing the university's total enrollment to an all-time high of nearly 10,000 students.

This year's freshman class has raised the bar academically. The average score on the Scholastic Achievement Test (SAT), one of several criteria used for admission, was 1100–14 points higher than last year. This places UNCW fourth highest in the UNC system. In addition, the grade point average for entering freshmen has risen to 3.54.

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Provost John Cavonough presents Bertha Todd with the hood denoting her honorory doctor of humonities degree presented ot convocotion.

The university's technology initiative continues with the "high technology standard of expectation" set by Chancellor James R. Leutze. All graduates, beginning with this year's freshman class, will be required to demonstrate discipline-specific technology competencies. To meet this goal, students will be able to purchase IBM laptops at reduced costs and will have increased Internet access throughout the campus, plus access to 24-hour computer labs.

To meet the needs of the growing student body, a new classroom building is under construction next to Morton Hall. Construction of the new Watson School of Education and other classroom buildings are contingent upon passage of the $3.1 billion higher education facilities bond referendum in November.

Todd receives honorary degree

Bertha Boykin Todd, a retired educator and longtime university supporter, received an honorary doctorate in humanities at UNCW's Freshman Convocation.

Todd received the alumni association's Distinguished Citizen Award in 1999. During a 40-year career in the New Hanover County School system, Todd served as a teacher, librarian, counselor, principal and administrator. She has been a member of numerous community organizations including the UNCW Foundation Board. The honor recognizes Todd's diligent efforts throughout her career to improve race relations in Wilmington, New Hanover County and North Carolina.

UNCW makes top 10 in U.S News rankings

For the third consecutive year, UNCW is among the top 10 public universities in the South in college rankings released by *U.S. News and World Report.* Among the top public and private universities in the South, UNCW is ranked 25th.

Rankings are based on several key measures of quality organized into six categories to capture the various dimensions of academic quality at each college.

Among the top Southern public and private universities, UNCW ranked in the top 20 for academic reputation (which carries the greatest weight in the overall rankings), graduation and retention and student selectivity.

Among the top Southern public universities, UNCW is number eight. Other UNC system universities in the top 10 are Appalachian State University (fourth), UNC Charlotte (tied for sixth with Murray State University in Kentucky) and East Carolina University (ninth). There was no university ranked seventh.

The complete list of rankings is available online at www.usnews.com.

Photo by Donnie Wrights

At 142-feet toll, UNCW's watertower is one of the campus' tollest structures. As port of o lorger repair and renavation effort, J&W Sondblosting Inc. pointed the structure using the school colors, novy, Seahawk green and yellow, and the Seohawk logo.

New Website promotes university support

UNCW's Division for University Advancement has a new home on the World Wide Web.

Log on at www.uncwil.edu/uniadv to find out the ways you can support a variety of university programs and how your contribution will be used. In addition, you can locate opportunities for volunteer involvement as well as calendars of university events.

The site was designed by Josh Paul, a member of the class of 2000, while he was still enrolled at UNCW.

Financial aid wins national award

Picture a college admissions process in which an admissions counselor, academic advisor and financial aid counselor travel together to high schools and community colleges. An applicant meets with the team and, after a few minutes, walks away admitted to the university with a schedule of classes for the next semester in hand and a financial aid award in place.

Such innovation in service and quality is one reason UNCW's Financial Aid and Veterans Services Office was selected to receive the U.S. Department of Education Quality Assurance Program's Model of Quality Award, one of only two such awards given this year.

"We are the only school in North Carolina and perhaps the Southeast that has implemented such a program," said Mark Williams, director of financial aid at UNCW. "The level of service is unparalleled. Students and their parents are amazed that the student walks away with an admissions decision, a planned schedule and financial aid awards."

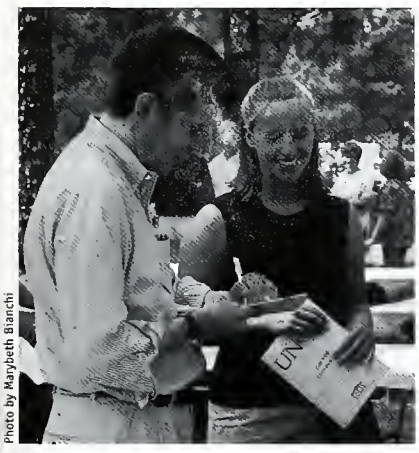


Photo by Marybeth Bianchi

Veteron television journalist Chris Wallace, who wos the keynote speoker ot the fall convocation, signed autographs at the campuswide picnic that followed the ceremony. The message he left with students is that "integrity matters."

Etheridge appointed trustee

Jeff D. Etheridge, Jr. was appointed by the UNC Board of Governors to a three-year term on the UNCW Board of Trustees

Etheridge

He is a regional president for BB&T Corporation, headquartered in Whiteville. He holds a bachelor's degree in business administration from Campbell University and is a graduate of the Executive Program at UNC-Chapel Hill. He has been an instructor at both UNC Chapel Hill's North Carolina School of Banking and the American Institute of Banking and Management Development.

Active in his community, Etheridge has served on the Southeastern Community College Foundation Board of Trustees, the Executive Board of the Cape Fear Council of Boy Scouts of America, and the Columbus County Committee of 100 and the North Carolina Museum of Forestry boards of directors.

Etheridge's seat on the UNCW Board of Trustees was held by Jay M. Robinson, who passed away in April.

New dual degree program offered

UNC Wilmington and the Centre d'Etudes Superieures Europeenes Management Méditerranée (CESEM) in Marseille, France, established an innovative dual degree program that will enable students in America and France to earn both a bachelor of science degree in business administration from UNCW and the diploma of the CESEM Méditerranée.

"This is the first dual degree program in North Carolina and one of the few in the country," said Dr. Howard Rockness, former dean of the Cameron School of Business. "It is also the first in France with an American business school."

Participants will study two years at UNCW and two years in Marseille. The first cohort of students started their studies in September at their home institution and will begin study abroad in fall semester 2002.

Photos by Marybeth K. Bianchi

With the $350,000 gift, the Brown family – Clint and Amy Brown North, Bill and Debbie Brown Rudisill and Corson Rudisill – take the Seahawk Club one step closer to reaching is goal for Project 2002.

Browns make generous gift

The Carl B. and Janice H. Brown family of Wilmington in August made one of the largest gift commitments ever to the UNCW Athletic Department. The contribution will help complete funding of the Nixon Annex expansion portion of Project 2002, a major fund-raising campaign for the Athletic Department.

"We are very pleased to announce the Brown family has made a cash gift of $350,000," said Chancellor James Leutze. "They have been a generous supporter of UNCW for many years, and this gift continues their legacy of helping make our academic and athletic programs among the best in the country."

"The Brown family gift is valuable in more ways than just the generous financial support it provides," said Peg Bradley-Doppes, director of athletics. "It gives us an incredible boost to the Project 2002 athletic capital campaign, and also energizes our annual scholarship campaign by upgrading the Golden Hawk Room, an important benefit to members of the Seahawk Club."

Project 2002 is the largest and most aggressive athletic capital campaign in UNCW history. Its goals are to provide facility renovations to keep pace with CAA competition, supplement annual campaign and athletics endowment contributions, maintain athletics as a positive reflection of UNCW, enhance university plans for athletics facility upgrades and provide the foundation for future development.

The expansion to Nixon Annex will provide much-needed office space for the Athletic Department and the Seahawk Club and will double the size of the Golden Hawk Room.

Brooks Field will be home to new Wilmington Waves

For its first two seasons, Wilmington's new baseball team will call UNCW's Brooks Field home.

The team, which will play in the South Atlantic League, is partnered with the Los Angeles Dodgers.

This is the second professional club to play at the field. The Port City Roosters, an AA affiliate of the Seattle Mariners, played two seasons at Brooks Field from 1995-96 before moving to a permanent home.

Play Ball North Carolina, a group of investors led by sports and entertainment executive Sims Hinds of Raleigh, is bringing the permanent minor league baseball franchise to Wilmington for the first time since the 1950s.

Others involved are Dr. William Nixon, Dr. Durwood Almkuist, Robin Hiott Spinks, Dean Scarafoni, David Swain, Dr. David Esposito and Dr. Doug Messina of Wilmington; Rick French and Amy Hinds of Raleigh and Dr. Patrick Conarro of Atlanta.

"It's very, very important to have a club like this," Dodgers ambassador and 2000 U.S. Olympic Team coach Tommy Lasorda said. "We need this city to develop players. We want fans here to know that we will support this team because they will be going on to the major leagues."

Seahawk Club sets $775,000 goal for 2000-01 campaign

The UNCW Student Aid Association, better known as the Seahawk Club, has set $775,000 as its fund-raising goal for 2000-01.

Last year the Seahawk Club raised over $730,000 to be used for athletic scholarships, nearly half of the budgeted scholarship amount. As tuition costs continue to rise and the need to recruit quality student-athletes increases, the Seahawk Club is an important part of the success of the UNCW Athletic Department.

The focus of this year's campaign will be the active membership drive through Nov. 9.

"The goal for this year's campaign is $125,000 more than the 1999-2000 goal, making it the most aggressive campaign in the history of the Seahawk Club," said Jim Ballantine, co-chairman of the Seahawk Campaign. Ballantine and Dr. Chris Glendenning will be leading the cultivation efforts of donors through the Captains Campaign.

For more information regarding the UNCW Seahawk Club, please call 910.962.3571.

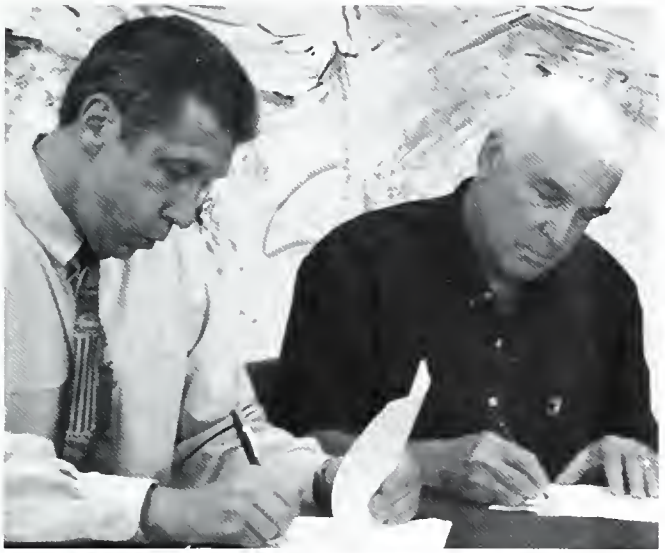
Grimes gets CAA honors as Coach of the Year

Jacquie Grimes, who served as interim head coach of UNC Wilmington's men's track and field program last fall following the departure of longtime coach Jim Sprecher, was named Coach of the Year in the Colonial Athletic Association.

Grimes is the first female to receive the honor in the 11-year history of the award.

She piloted the Seahawks to their fourth consecutive CAA title behind the performances of sophomores Xavier Chisholm and Otis Wilson.

The 26-year-old Grimes will serve as an assistant for newly named head coach Kevin Ankrom in 2000-01.



The UNCW community was an pins and needles in August when Coach Jerry Wainwright traveled to San Antonio, Texas, to consider an offer as an assistant coach with the Spurs. But he turned down fame and fortune to honor his commitment to the Seahawks. He sealed the decision by signing a six-year contract extension with the UNCW Seahawks.

2000-01 UNCW Men's Basketball Schedule

DATE	OPPONENT	TIME
Nov. 11	CHARLOTTE ROYALS	7 p.m.
Nov. 17-18	at Sooner Holiday Classic	TBA
	UNC Wilmington, Alcorn State, LaSalle, Oklahoma	
Nov. 21	at Duquesne	7:35 p.m.
Nov. 27	BOWLING GREEN	7 p.m.
Dec. 2	at Valparaiso	7:35 p.m. CST
Dec. 6	at William and Mary*	7 p.m.
Dec. 16	at Butler	2 p.m.
Dec. 22	CENTRAL FLORIDA	7 p.m.
Dec. 28	at Cincinnati	TBA
Dec. 30	at Miami, Ohio	1 p.m.
Jan. 2	RADFORD	7 p.m.
Jan. 6	at George Mason*	4:30 p.m.
Jan. 8	at American*	7:30 p.m.
Jan. 10	HIGH POINT	7 p.m.
Jan. 13	EAST CAROLINA*	7 p.m.
Jan. 17	RICHMOND*	7 p.m.
Jan. 20	at James Madison*	TBA
Jan. 22	at Va. Commonwealth*	TBA
Jan. 27	HOMECOMING WILLIAM & MARY*	7 p.m.
Jan. 31	at Richmond*	TBA
Feb. 3	JAMES MADISON*	7 p.m.
Feb. 5	GEORGE MASON*	7 p.m.
Feb. 10	OLD DOMINION*	7 p.m.
Feb. 12	AMERICAN*	7 p.m.
Feb. 17	at East Carolina*	TBA
Feb. 21	VA. COMMONWEALTH*	7 p.m.
Feb. 26	at Old Dominion	7:35 p.m.
Mar. 3-5	CAA Tournament	

* Colonial Athletic Association games • Home games in CAPS

Seahawks kick off season at Oklahoma tournament

A first-ever appearance in Oklahoma's Sooner Holiday Classic and a rematch with NCAA Tournament opponent Cincinnati highlight UNC Wilmington's 2000-2001 men's basketball schedule.

The Seahawks, who went 18-13 overall and captured the championship of the Colonial Athletic Association last season, will play 12 home games and 14 away from Trask Coliseum during the upcoming season.

"Our No. 1 priority was to get four non-conference home games," said Jerry Wainwright, UNCW's seven-year head coach. "We have an outstanding non-conference home schedule. My associate head coach, Brad Brownell, worked very hard to complete it. It certainly ranks, from top to bottom, as one of the most difficult schedules we've had.

"We also tried to get some of our older players back to their home areas where their families could see them, and we wanted some exposure in the Southwest because of our new Texas players."

UNCW kicks off the season Nov. 17-18 by joining the host Sooners, LaSalle and Alcorn State in the Sooner Holiday Classic at the Lloyd Noble Center in Norman, Okla. It will be the only regular season tournament for the Seahawks in 2000-01.

The Seahawks, who went 11-1 on their home floor in 1999-00, make their Port City debut Nov. 27, against Mid-American Conference power Bowling Green. The Falcons fashioned a 22-6 record last season and finished first in the MAC East Division with a 14-4 mark.

Bowling Green is one of three new opponents on the slate. UNCW will also be meeting Valparaiso and LaSalle for the first time.

Three 2000-2001 foes and another possible one reached the NCAA Tournament one year ago. Valparaiso, Butler and Cincinnati made the tourney, and Oklahoma also played in the NCAA's.

The Seahawks return three starters off last year's NCAA squad, including CAA Rookie-of-the-Year and CAA first-teamer Brett Blizzard. The sophomore marksman averaged 15.6 ppg and 3.5 rpg in his first season, racking up numerous honors in a record-setting season.

Catch the 'Hawks on Broadcast.com

If you can't make it to a game, you can still join the UNCW Seahawks on the court via the Internet. Follow the Seahawks men's basketball team on Broadcast.com, which can be accessed through the UNCW athletics Website (http://www.uncwil.edu/athletics) or Broadcast.com. Watch the athletics Website for more details as the season approaches.

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How will UNCW meet the needs of future growth?

The university is already stretched to its capacity, accommodating almost 10,000 enrolled students in facilities designed for 8,800.

Story by Phillip Brown

At the University of North Carolina at Wilmington, the squeeze is on — the space squeeze.

"There is a growing demand for higher education," said UNCW Chancellor James R. Leutze. "Greater numbers of North Carolinians will be looking to the university system and community colleges in the next decade for the education and training to remain competitive with other states and countries."

This year, UNCW had to close the door to 2,500 qualified students.

"We just don't have the room," said Leutze. "Many of these students were from southeastern North Carolina who were eager to continue their education near their homes and families."

UNCW is stretched to its capacity, accommodating almost 10,000 enrolled students in facilities designed for 8,800. While the situation is similar at other UNC system institutions and community colleges, many of the state's educational facilities face even more dire needs.

University buildings have been constructed over two centuries. As they age, the facilities inevitably become outdated or require renovation to meet current safety standards. Nothing short of a major retrofit can adapt 1950- and 1960-era laboratories to accommodate 21st-century use.

To deal with the enrollment-growth pressure and outdated facilities at campuses across the state, the North Carolina General Assembly unanimously passed a bill in July authorizing a public referendum on a $3.1 billion bond issue for UNC system and community college construction. UNCW anticipates receiving $108 million if voters approve the measure Nov. 7.

The university's top priority is a new building to house the Watson School of Education and Regional Education Resource Center. The funding will also allow the university to construct two new general classroom buildings, an academic support center, computing center and extensive modernization of King, Hoggard, Alderman, Westside, Kenan, James and Friday halls. Remaining funds would be spent on infrastructure expansion, technology and other needs.

"Southeastern North Carolina needs more teachers," said Leutze. "That's why the facility for the Watson School of Education is our top priority."

During the next decade, officials expect North Carolina to face the fourth largest increase in public school enrollment nationwide. Approximately 2,500 new teachers a year will be needed in southeastern North Carolina alone. UNCW's Watson School of Education is the third largest producer of teachers in the state.

According to the latest figures, the Watson school graduates approximately 315 teachers annually which is about 50 percent more than in 1993. The proposed education classroom building and regional resource center will nearly double the number of educators available to work in the region's public schools. It will also provide much-needed facilities for educators' continuing professional development which will help raise regional education standards. UNCW currently works collaboratively with more than 1,000 teachers in 60 schools in 10 area districts.

"It's part of the mission of the university to serve our area, to work with public schools and produce the teachers who will go into the classroom," said Leutze.

The new facility for the Watson School of Education, along with the other two proposed academic buildings, will help ease the space constraints at the university, said Robert Fry, assistant to the chancellor and director of institutional research and planning.

"The amount of academic space has declined over time," said Fry. "UNCW has continued to grow enrollment without major classroom construction. Unfortunately, it has meant converting closets into classrooms and offices, reducing study carrels in the library and increasing class sizes."

Currently, UNCW has 63 square feet of academic space per each full-time student. The average for the UNC system is 90 square feet per student, said Fry.

Eve Klein, a consultant who completed a statewide study of UNC system facilities, praised UNCW in her final report to the state as "an exceptionally efficient user of its space, which has permitted the institution to accommodate rapid enrollment growth despite shortages of several categories of academic space."

UNCW has experienced a steady growth for the past 15 years, said Leutze. "Here at UNC Wilmington, there is a real demand for education, a demand that will continue." This year, there were 7,870 applicants for the freshman class of 1,600; 57.7 percent were accepted and approximately 1,650 are enrolled this fall, bringing the university's enrollment to an all-time high of nearly 10,000.

That increased enrollment has UNCW near the breaking point, said Fry. "We have every classroom filled to capacity virtually all day which doesn't allow for any flexibility in scheduling other activities or even routine maintenance."

Natalie Almond, a sophomore math and physics major from Albemarle, can attest to the tight campus conditions.

"Last year, one or two classes were full, especially English. But this year, there are no open seats in any of my classes. In the Social and Behavioral Science Building, the desks are so close together, there's barely enough room to walk."

For the Music Department, Kenan

Photo by Marybeth K. Bianchi

There are 37 students in Tam MacLennan's English 110: Introduction to Literature class even though maximum enrollment is 35 and this Morton Hall classroom has seating for 36. MacLennan said he has "a hard time turning away students" because this basic studies class (which is required of all undergraduates) is just one of 20 sections offered by the UNCW English Department. The classroom shortage in Morton Hall scatters English professors across campus as department administrators search for available space. "My situation is not atypical. I am not the only one teaching for too many students in crowded quarters," MacLennan said.

Here's how UNCW will use its share of $3.1 billion

Of the proposed $3.1 billion bond issue to benefit North Carolina's 16 universities and 59 community colleges, UNC Wilmington anticipates receiving a total of $108,171,000 over the next six years.

New facilities $71,919,600

School of education building - $18,725,000: The Donald R. Watson School of Education and Educational Resource Center is planned as an 80,500-square-foot, three-story building that will house the Office of Service to Public Schools, the Principal Fellows Program, the Professional Development System serving school systems in southeastern N.C., the Center for Teaching Excellence, the Curriculum Materials Center, the Science and Math Education Center as well as other support and outreach activities.

Academic and classroom facility - $33,032,100: This building will include classrooms, seminar rooms, a distance learning facility, computer labs, a film-editing lab and practice and rehearsal rooms to serve six academic disciplines in the area of art and theatre, music, creative writing and film studies. Every student earning a four-year degree from UNCW will use this building either through basic studies requirements or major/minor requirements.

General classroom building - $12,647,000: This building will provide the additional classroom and faculty office space needed to support projected growth in the Cameron School of Business, the Environmental Studies Program, the Department of Mathematical Sciences and Statistics and the Honors Scholars program. These programs have totally inadequate space for their current enrollments, while demographics suggest these are among the programs that will experience continued rapid growth.

Center for Marine Science operations facility - $2,929,600: The facility will house all operations personnel and functions for CMS as well as a marine mammal necropsy facility, a machine shop, space for equipment repair and storage for all seagoing diving operations. This building will be located on the Myrtle Grove campus and will consolidate operations currently located at Wrightsville Beach.

Academic support facilities and computing center - $4,585,900: This facility will provide faculty and graduate students with high-end technology, network capabilities, technical support and simulation and production capabilities.

Modernization of existing facilities $27,189,200

Alderman Hall, Friday Hall, James Hall, Hoggard Hall, Kenan Auditorium, Kenan Hall, King Hall and Westside Hall - Modernization for most of these facilities includes the replacement of HVAC systems, installation of alarm and fire suppression systems and in many cases, due to the age of buildings, the abatement of hazardous materials (asbestos, lead paint, etc.), in order to bring buildings up to current construction code. In addition, many facilities will receive upgraded electrical systems and communications networks to accommodate increased computer technology.

Land acquisition & infrastructure expansion $9,062,200

Also proposed is expansion of the university's technological infrastructure, to meet UNCW's commitment to making technology universally accessible to students, faculty and staff, as well as expansion of the campus physical infrastructure to meet the needs of the university's projected growth.

Hall's lack of teaching and performance space is hitting a sour note.

"Since 1996, the number of music majors and minors has doubled, yet we still have the same amount of rehearsal and performance space," said Dr. Frank Bongiorno, chair of the Music Department. Kenan Hall has only one classroom suitable for rehearsal, vocal instruction and performance, and it is used 12 to 15 hours a day, said Bongiorno.

An integral part of music and voice education is applied instruction. The department has five studio offices specially designed for one-on-one instruction between teacher and student. Twenty-eight full- and part-time faculty vie for instruction and rehearsal time for their students in these studios.

In addition, the Music Department provides equipment and rehearsal space for a number of community organizations including the Wilmington Symphony Orchestra and the Cape Fear Jazz Society. With space at a premium, the department may have to scale back its assistance to local groups. Should voters approve the Nov. 7 referendum, UNCW will have funds to construct a new facility specially designed for fine arts.

"UNCW's Music Department is a vital part of the city's cultural offerings," said Bongiorno. "Without us, there would be 50 less musical performances each year." The Music Department sponsors the UNCW Big Band, Jazz Combo and other musical ensembles and vocal performances.

Despite being housed in a facility that doesn't have the proper acoustical needs for performance and instruction, the department has excelled in student education. Steven Thorne was named Outstanding College Jazz Performer by Down Beat magazine in 1999. In 1997, the UNCW Jazz Combo won the gold medal in the college/university jazz combo category at Jazzfest USA.

UNCW's growing academic reputation has made it a first-choice edu-

cational institution among students enrolled in the almost standing room only classes. This year's freshman class has raised the bar academically. The average score on the Scholastic Achievement Test (SAT), one of several criteria used for admission, was 1100 — 14 points higher than last year. This places UNCW fourth in the UNC system. In addition, the high school grade point average for entering freshmen has risen to 3.54.

Faced with continuing growth during the next decade, officials at some university campuses will be unable to admit many qualified North Carolina students. Without more classroom space, UNCW will have to be more selective in admission, said Fry.

The high demand for space also detracts from the university's education and service mission.

"While the primary use of classrooms is for academic instruction, student activities play a vital role in college life," said Fry. "With classes in session more hours each week, there is a reduction in availability for meeting space for student, faculty or community groups."

For UNCW, having the space and desire to grow is not enough. It takes money. University buildings belong to the state, and the General Assembly is the primary source of new building and renovation funds for UNCW and its sister institutions. Historically, the state legislature has used a pay-as-you-go approach to capital construction.

"The pay-as-you-go system has proven to be a catch-as-catch-can process," said Leutze. "Funding for new buildings is allocated from any money left over after all the other expenses are paid. It can take more than one year to receive the necessary resources for new construction. This makes planning extremely difficult."

However, if the bond is approved, funding of proposed projects is assured over a period of time.

"The bond issue is an exciting and positive direction to fund capital construction," said Leutze. "If approved, the university system would have a reliable stream of capital funding to meet enrollment growth."

Of the $3.1 billion bond, $2.5 billion is set for construction, repair and renovation of UNC system classrooms, science and technology labs and residence halls with $600 million for the community colleges. Across the state, more than 300 facilities will be upgraded.

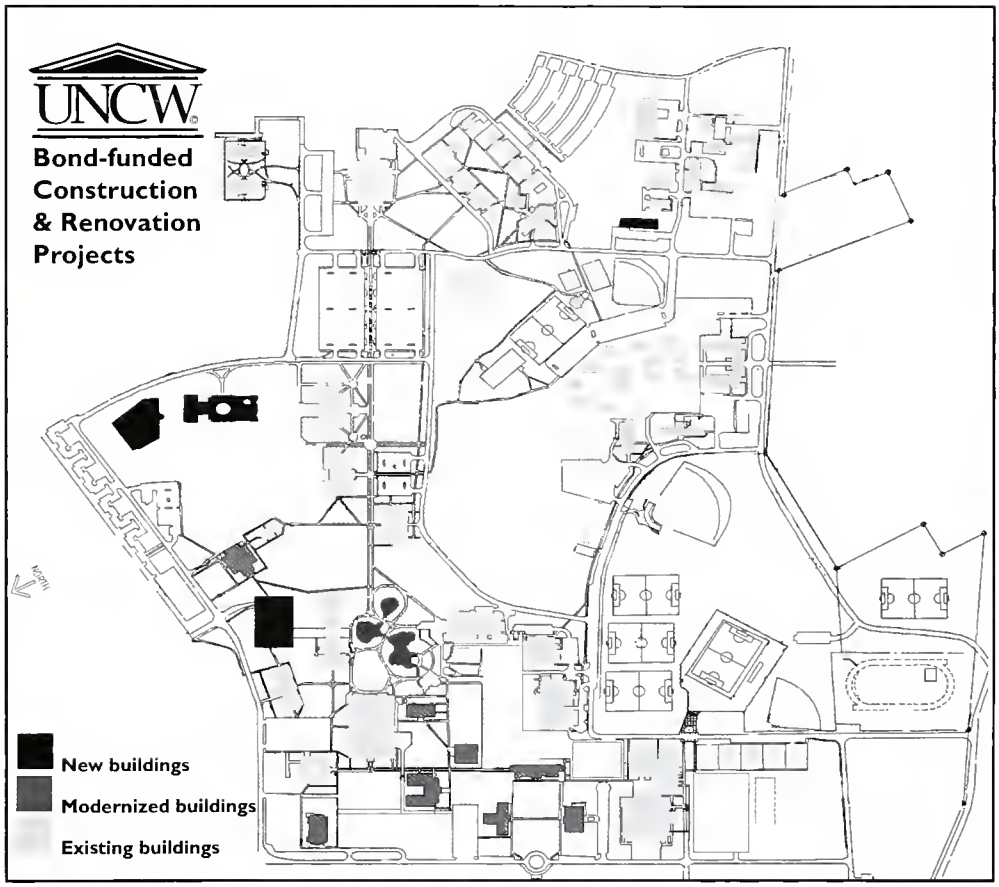
While UNCW is a relatively new campus, moving to its present location in 1961, new building standards and technological advances require financial investment, said David Girardot, assistant vice chancellor for business affairs at UNCW.

"In order to serve our student population and provide them with the most current technology in the classroom, we need to modernize our existing facilities," said Girardot.

"As we have grown, our needs have changed, and although the majority of our facilities are in excellent shape, several need to be upgraded and modernized to meet existing fire and safety regulations."

The General Assembly began allocating annual funding for repair and renovation for universities earlier this decade, said Girardot. While the funding is adequate for normal operations such as routine repairs and painting, Girardot said the money isn't enough to allow the university to undertake any major modernization or renovation efforts. A portion of UNCW's share of the bond would allow the university to address the critical needs of its older facilities, said Girardot.

The construction and renovation projects that the bond would finance would in turn have a direct and indirect economic impact for the state



With funds from the Nov. 7 bond issue, UNCW would be able to build five new buildings (in black - locations are approximate) including an operations facility at the Center for Marine Science (not illustrated). In addition, the bond would fund the modernization of eight existing buildings (in dark gray).

Bond FAQs

Q: If approved by voters in November, how will the $3.1-billion bond issue be used?

A: The bonds will upgrade UNC and community college campuses. Bonds will provide $2.5 billion for repair, renovation and construction of classrooms, science and technology labs and dorms at all 16 UNC campuses and will finance federally-mandated upgrades at UNC-TV. Another $600 million will go toward upgrading capacity at community colleges.

Q: Exactly what will the money go for?

A: The legislature passed a law with a specific list of projects for university improvements. You can look at that list on UNC's Website, at www.uncbuildings.org. These are projects that an independent consultant and campus leaders have determined to be the highest-priority needs. At community colleges, there is a formula that determines exactly how much each campus will get. Community college leaders at each campus are determining how best to use that money to meet their capacity needs. You can look at that formula on the community college Website, www.nccc.cc.nc.us ("Building the Future" section).

Q: Is there really a need for the bonds?

A: The demand for education and training has never been higher. Each year, one million North Carolinians – including 300,000 full-time students – receive training from state community colleges and public universities. As it is now, some universities are forced to turn away qualified students because of overcrowded conditions. Community colleges have long waiting lists for many courses. And enrollment is climbing. Full-time enrollment will increase by 100,000 by the end of the decade – an increase of 30 percent.

Q: Will this mean a state tax increase?

A: No. State Treasurer Harlan Boyles says North Carolina does not need to raise state taxes to pay off the bonds. He says the bonds are a fiscally responsible way to support our community colleges and universities. Even with the bonds, North Carolina will continue to have one of the lowest debt loads in the nation. In fact, repaying the bonds will take, on average, less than 1 percent of the state budget.

Q: Will tuition and student fees go up as a result of the bonds?

A: No. Tuition and general student fees will not be used to repay the bonds.

Q: Will there be some kind of process to ensure that funds are not misused?

A: Yes. There will be an independent oversight committee, created by the legislature, which will monitor spending closely, making sure the money goes where it should.

Q: When will the bond funds be spent, and when will they be repaid?

A: The bonds will be issued over a six-year period beginning in 2001. By law, they will be paid in amounts that will enable community colleges and universities to manage the upgrades efficiently. They will be repaid over a 25-year period, allowing the state to pay for the buildings as they are used.

Q: Will counties have to bear a big share of this construction burden?

A: The bonds will mean major savings for counties. County governments have traditionally been responsible for the lion's share of community college construction and renovation. Some 77 counties will receive a portion of $488 million for community colleges that does not require a match. Of the remaining $112 million, most counties will have to match less than 50 percent of the construction costs.

Q: How did the state's community colleges and universities get to this point?

A: Due to limited resources, many community college facilities and university buildings have undergone little or no renovation since they were first constructed. In addition, many buildings are no longer suited for their original purposes.

Q: What happens to the community colleges and the UNC system if this bond issue doesn't pass?

A: More doors to educational opportunity and economic development will be closed. North Carolinians will not be able to get the education, training and retraining necessary to get and keep good jobs in the next century. It will also mean that the state will lose its competitive edge in attracting new jobs.

Information provided by North Carolinians for Educational Opportunity.

and the greater Wilmington area.

"Each new student UNCW enrolls adds about $4,000 to the local economy," said Dr. William Hall, director of the Center for Business and Economics Services at UNCW's Cameron School of Business. "For the 13-county area in southeastern North Carolina, this represents an additional $10 million in business."

For the construction industry, Hall said the $108 million UNCW would realize from the bond translates into an additional $290 million in regional economic output.

An indirect economic benefit of the bond proceeds would enable UNCW to provide education and training for an additional 2,500 students, who upon graduation, would enter the workforce, said Leutze, adding that as undergraduates, they would also contribute to the local economic base.

"North Carolina has an opportunity to make an investment in the future," said Leutze. "Approving this $3.1 billion bond issue is an investment in the future of our state's economy and an opportunity for our students now and in the future. It is an opportunity that should not pass us by."

According to Harlan Boyles, North Carolina's state treasurer, it's an investment that the state can make without raising taxes. While no one can predict whether taxes will go up for other reasons, Boyles and many other state leaders have stated that North Carolina will be able to repay these bonds without a tax increase. The bonds will be repaid over a 25-year period, allowing the state to pay for the buildings while they are being used, much like a mortgage on a home.

Should voters reject the bond, what does the future hold for UNCW and the university system?

"I don't want to consider the prospect of the bond not passing," said Leutze. "UNCW won't go backward. We'll continue to do the best we can, but we can't squeeze any more students onto campus. We have the land to grow and the demand to justify expansion. If the voters of the state give us the opportunity, we will fill these new classrooms and labs with students. We don't want to close the door to educational opportunities for North Carolinians, especially from southeastern North Carolina.

"Alumni from UNCW and other state institutions can make a real difference in the passage of this bond. We need alumni to go to the polls. They need to bring their family, their friends and their neighbors. This is an opportunity for them to repay the state for the educational opportunity which they received."

To learn more about how the bonds will benefit UNCW, visit the university's homepage on the World Wide Web - www.uncwil.edu – and click on the banner, "Yes, we need it! Vote Nov. 7."

Summer Camp

It's not just for the kids

She waited, patiently waited in the hot sun. Suddenly, she felt a tug on her line. She called for someone to bring a net as she raised her line from the water.

Cathy Olson did not pull up a fish, but rather a blue crab.

Using chicken wings as bait, summer campers in the UNCW Marine Biology Camp for adults caught crabs and other species of marine life such as barnacles, oysters and sea urchins at the Center for Marine Science.

Olson, an academic adviser in the Biological Sciences Department, was one of the most curious and energetic campers. "The really exciting part was getting the opportunity to be the one learning and asking the questions," said Olson. "I enjoyed exploring the marsh the most."

Following a plankton tow, participants also got to see the microscopic organisms that they had no idea they swim with in the ocean. They collected water samples from off the dock and took them to the lab, where they examined the organisms under a microscope.

Owen Wexler, a Wilmington resident, waded through the marsh with a net, and collected fish for the group to identify and observe.

"I really enjoyed going through the marsh," said Wexler. "I do a lot of fishing around Bradley Creek and wanted to know more about the things I see around the area. I thought the sea urchin was very fascinating."

Although many of the participants sank several inches into the marsh with every step, they plunged through the marsh with unyielding enthusiasm, sometimes going up to their waist in water to find various forms of life.

"They definitely were excited and curious," said Tressa Thompson, the marine biology graduate student who led the two-day camp. "They came to the camp wanting to learn about the marine environment."

The experience was a different one for Thompson, who up to this point had only taught the camps for children. "What I enjoyed most about teaching the adults was the reaction from them," she said. "They learned so much and have a new appreciation for their environment."

At the end of the session, campers created their own souvenirs to remember the camp by. Some used shells to create artwork, while others made imprints on T-shirts.

Upcoming programs offered by the UNCW Division for Public Service and Extended Education include:

- "All Along the River," 10 a.m. Oct. 17 with riverkeeper Bouty Baldridge of Cape Fear River Watch at the Center for Marine Science auditorium.
- "Colonial Water Birds of North Carolina," 10 a.m. Oct. 25 with Walker Golder of the National Audubon Society at the Center for Marine Science auditorium.
- Masonboro Island excursion for the entire family (from age eight and up) 9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Oct. 14 and Oct. 21.
- Bear Island (in Onslow County) excursion for the entire family (from age eight and up) 7:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. Oct. 28.
- Coast Watch 8:30 p.m. to noon Oct. 17.
- Adult Dolphin Camp for ages 18 to 80 July 7-21, 2001, in Key Largo, Fla.

There is a charge for all programs, and preregistration is required. For more information, call 910-962-2460.

Owen Wexler and Stewart Jason hoist fish out of the marsh to identify (top photo). Comp instructor Tressa Thompson gives participants their first glimpse of a sea urchin (above). Campers get a close look at a crab (left, top) and a sea urchin (left, bottom).

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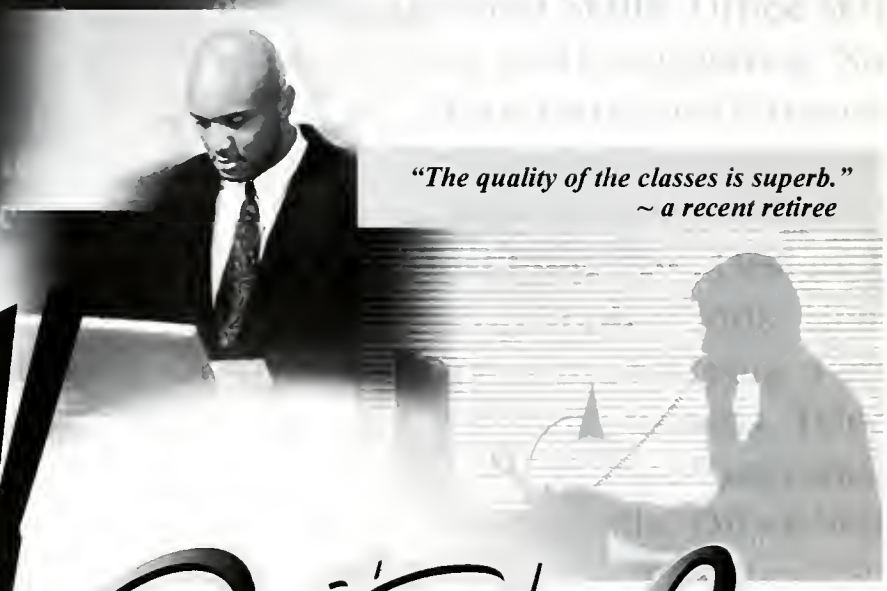

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Online education creates new avenues of opportunity

By Holly Barham '01

New technology and online courses are changing the way education is accessed, and UNCW alumni can take advantage of opportunities for professional development and enrichment through their alma mater.

Through WebU (www.uncwil.edu/dpsee/webu), an initiative of the Division for Public Service and Extended Education's Community Outreach Services (COSMOS), UNCW shares educational opportunities with a diverse audience, providing UNCW alumni and the public access to online courses to improve job skills, develop professionally, and enrich their lives.

"UNCW's WebU is a one-stop-shop that allows tradesmen and medical professionals access to continuing education opportunities," Woody Sutton '92, associate director of COSMOS, explained. "We offer more than 1,000 noncredit programs delivered 100 percent via the Internet, making time and place no longer a requirement to reap educational benefits."

COSMOS began WebU two years ago.

"During the pilot phase we learned that most of the students are very highly motivated, self-directed learners," said Hunter Thompson '85, director. The pilot project ran during 1998-1999 with 72 courses marketed primarily in southeastern North Carolina.

"We also discovered that the majority of participants are women ages 29 to 64 whose objectives for taking online courses range from learning new skills and improving existing skills to advancing careers, starting a business, and personal interest/enjoyment."

"Realizing the demand for computer-based professional development was growing, this year COSMOS contracted with private sector vendors who are recognized as leaders in computer-based training," said Sutton.

UNCW is currently offering more than 1,000 courses in 17 categories: accounting and finance, certification, desktop applications, English as a foreign language, health care, legal, large business, management skills, office skills, operating systems, personal development, programming, regulatory and compliance, small business, telecommunications, Web design and Web user. Students can finish course work from a selected category in preparation for a certificate, such as Novell Server Administrator, Cisco, Lotus or Microsoft Certified Engineer.

WebU participants are excited about the opportunity to take classes at their own discretion. An overwhelming 93.9 percent of those evaluated planned to take another online course.

For Kim High, a teacher at Supply Elementary, WebU is "the perfect answer to renewing my teaching certificate. I am able to save time and expense by taking an online course, and still meet renewal guidelines as well as my school district's technology requirements."

Jim Hoge, 57, of Wrightsville Beach, a recent retiree after a 20-year career as a marketing researcher for IBM and an enrollee in WebU, believes that "the quality of the classes is superb. It sure beats having to go to class on a schedule."

When asked why he chose WebU, Hoge explained, "I have three reasons for enrolling in the online courses. My family is spread across the United States. The creating Web pages, advanced Web pages and Java programming courses taught me how to create a virtual meeting place for my family. With brothers in Alaska, Texas and New York, our family stays connected (www.hogefamily.com) via our Web site. Secondly, my church is developing a Web site and I want to be able to participate in that process. Finally, I continue to consult with IBM and want to develop my Internet skills. Additionally, I plan to start a consulting business and with the proliferation of the Internet, I needed to learn more about how it operates and is used in business."

Shunji Uekado, a production technology manager for a local pharmaceutical company, said he "found the concepts and principals of project management 1 and quality control 4 very relevant for my job." He plans to take more online courses through WebU.

Not only does WebU serve the professional sector, but the community as a whole, Sutton said. Personal development classes range from grant writing, developing self-esteem, personal and financial planning to "How to get everything done (and still have a life)," "5-second stress solutions" and "Write your life story."

The top 10 courses from last year include creating Web pages, advanced Web pages, intro to PC troubleshooting, intro/intermediate Excel, CGI programming for the Web, JavaScript programming for the Web, Photoshop basics, intro/intermediate Access and intro/intermediate/advanced Word.

In addition, WebU has planned for an international audience, partnering with a company that specializes in English as a Second Language, supporting Chinese, French, German, Italian, Japanese, Korean, Portuguese and Spanish. Current or prospective students live in the United Kingdom, Canada, South America and South Africa.

For more information visit the Website at www.uncwil.edu/dpsee/webu, send e-mail to webu@uncwil.edu or call Woody Sutton at 910. 962.7074.

Homecoming celebrates the '70s

You know the scene – platform shoes, big hair, bell-bottom pants, tube tops, great music and Wilco students getting used to our new impressive name – UNCW.

The UNCW Alumni Association will recall those glorious days of the '70s as graduates from 1970 to 1979 are welcomed back to campus for Homecoming 2001 on Jan. 27.

Also highlighted this year will be Delta Upsilon, the campus's third fraternity recognized in 1967 originally as Delta Epsilon. Zeta Tau Alpha sorority sisters will also be welcomed back at homecoming. The Zetas started out as Sigma Phi Sigma and first organized in 1967 with the motto of "Service through unity."

A day full of activities is planned, beginning with the 5K Homecoming Run at 9 a.m. Early birds can register for $12; those who sign up the day of the race must pay the full $14 entry fee. More information on the race can be obtained by calling 910.962.3261 or log on at http://www.uncwil.edu/stuaff/camprec/spevents/5krun.htm.

After the race be sure to take in the tour of the new Student Recreation Center at 10:30 a.m. Saturday (and again at 1:30 p.m. Sunday). Enjoy the opportunity to exercise with current Seahawk students, courtesy of Campus Recreation. You must register with the alumni office for this privilege available to you at no cost. Registered alumni will have their names submitted at the desk for entry to the center.

A complimentary drop-in lunch will be provided at Wise Alumni House from noon to 1:30 p.m. for alumni and guests. Maps will be provided for a visit to Myrtle Grove and the Center for Marine Science from 2 to 3 p.m.

Relax for a few hours and then get ready for the Chicken Pickin' at 5 p.m. in the Hawk's Nest. (See accompanying pregame social story.) The UNCW dance team and cheerleaders will make a special appearance. Special recognition will be given to Delta Upsilon and Zeta Tau Alpha alumni and all alumni from the '70s. Door prizes will be awarded.

At 7 p.m. the Seahawks will host William and Mary in Trask Coliseum. At half-time, alumni board chair Becky Fancher '78 will crown the 2001 UNCW homecoming queen and king. Tickets are $10 for adults and $5 for children 14 and under and can be obtained by calling 910.962.3233.

The homecoming celebration climaxes at 9 p.m. when alumni gather in the Cape Fear Ballroom of the Wilmington Hilton Riverside for the dance featuring The Embers. Heavy hors d'oeuvres will be served, and a cash bar will be available. Door prizes will be awarded during breaks. Reunion classes will be acknowledged by year and all DU's and Zeta's will be acknowledged. Tickets are $15 a person and can be obtained in advance.

Guests who would like overnight accommodations at the Hilton can call 1-800-HILTONS to make reservations.

For more information, please call the alumni office at 800.596.2880 or 910.962.2682.

Outstanding individuals sought for awards

Each year at homecoming, the UNCW Alumni Association recognizes individuals who have made outstanding contributions to the university and the community.

The Alumnus/Alumna of the Year Award is open to all who attended and/or graduated from Wilmington College or UNCW. The Distinguished Citizen Award is open to anyone for notable service to the university and the community.

Nominations can be made by writing a letter of recommendation to the association's board of directors, specifying the award category and describing why you think the nominee merits the award. Include the nominee's name, address, daytime telephone number and work place. Nominations should be sent to Patricia C. Smith, UNCW alumni relations executive director, at Wise Alumni House, no later than Nov. 30.

The winners will be recognized at a formal awards dinner Jan. 26 in the Warwick Center Ballroom.

Pregame socials offer food, fun Seahawk spirit

Four pregame socials will be hosted by the UNCW Alumni Association during the men's basketball season. All events will be from 5 to 6:30 p.m. in the Hawk's Nest followed by the game at 7 p.m. in Trask Coliseum.

- Catfish Night – Jan. 13. Seahawks play ECU.
- Chicken Pickin' Night – Jan. 27. It's homecoming night, and the Seahawks play William and Mary.
- Mexican Fiesta Night – Feb. 3. Seahawks play James Madison.
- Pasta Night – Feb. 10. Seahawks play Old Dominion.

General admission is $10 for adults, $5 for children six to 12 and free for children five and under. Alumni and friends who contribute $250 or more annually to the association or Wise Alumni House are admitted with one guest at a reduced rate of $5 a person.

Reservations are requested for each social and can be made by calling the alumni relations office.

Fox 26 is the Grand Media Sponsor for the 2001 pregame socials.

Photo by Frank Bua '68

Outgoing alumni board choir Shanda Williams Bardeaux '92 passed the gavel to incoming chair Becky Fancher '78 at the August alumni association board of directors meeting.

Miss Jessie's family comes to aid of Wise Alumni House

Wise Alumni House was the recipient of a $25,000 gift from Mrs. James L. Wiley of Middleburg, Va. The gift was given to purchase furnishings and for upkeep. Mrs. Wiley is the granddaughter of Jessie Hargrave Kenan Wise and a strong supporter of the restoration effort. We are appreciative of her many thoughtful gestures.

Caroline '73 and John '70 Pollard have given their financial support to redecorate the powder room located on the first floor of the house. Rebecca Laymon of Rebecca Laymon Interiors was contracted to design this work as well to update the parlor. The draperies were restyled, select furniture pieces were reupholstered and the paint lightened to give a fresh finished look. Accessories will be added to complete the room.

Robert H. Williams, Jr. '60 and his wife, Judy, gave a wonderful contribution to name the Alumni Wall of Fame located in the back hall for their daughter, Shanda Williams Bordeaux '92, our immediate past chair. The wall displays commemorative items that honor alumni and staff who have served the association. It is aptly named for Shanda, who has led the association so well.

The university continues to support the structural and maintenance issues of the house. Roof repair and new downspouts were installed to correct leaks. The grounds crew gives special attention to details related to the exterior environment and it continues to awe our visitors.

Photo by Frank Bua '68

Wise House provided the perfect backdrop for colorful ozoleos which blossomed this spring on the grounds. The house has been home to the UNCW Alumni Association since 1994.

Board gives alumni opportunity to give back to alma mater

Looking for a volunteer opportunity that gives back to your alma mater in numerous ways? Consider joining the UNCW Alumni Association Board of Directors.

Potential board members should be "active" alumni, defined as individuals who make annual contributions to UNCW and who are willing to attend alumni events and meetings and support special projects.

Applications are available at Wise Alumni House. A resume and cover letter will also be accepted. Submissions should be made to the attention of Patricia C. Smith, alumni relations executive director. The deadline is Jan. 10, 2001.

Board member terms begin July 1 and may be held for one year as an alternate or three years as a core board member. Chapter representatives are also needed.

$1,500 scholarships given to 12

The UNCW Alumni Association awarded 12 scholarships for the 2000-2001 academic year. Each scholarship covers tuition and fees up to $1,500.

The following graduate students are recipients:

- Kathleen M. VanKeuren of Wilmington. She received the Lewis/Wiley Endowed Fellowship. VanKeuren is pursuing a master of education degree in middle grades science.
- Nicole Wright Dalton of Wilmington. She received the Daniel P. Lockamy Alumni Scholarship. Dalton is pursuing a master of science degree in instructional technology with the goal of becoming an instructional designer for business and/or educational systems.

Undergraduates receiving scholarships are:

- Junior Martin Camacho of Wilmington.
- Sophomore Jackie L. Roberts of Shawboro. She was awarded the Gerald H. Shinn Alumni Scholarship, which includes an additional $500 book award.
- Freshmen Anna L. Cartrette of Castle Hayne; Anna Bardowell of Greenville, Mich.; Jennifer M. Booher of Jacksonville, N.C.; and Sharon I. Duff of Holly Ridge who received the Hugh Henry Fox Scholarship.

The alumni association awarded athletic scholarships to:

- Sophomore golfer Kelly Bailey of Greensboro and sophomore soccer player Erin A. Freas of Falls Church, Va.

A contribution by Frank Bua '68 enabled the alumni association to award a second athletic scholarship.

Students whose scholarships were renewed are:

- Sophomores Brandy L. Garrell of Chadbourn and Cynthia F. Thomas of Charlotte.

Association scholarships are given annually to students based on their academic achievements (a minimum 3.0 grade point average is required), financial need and community involvement. They are renewable if the students continue to meet the criteria.

Chapter News

AAGA

Special thanks to Tim Kornegay '89, former chapter president, for his service to AAGA and UNCW. The Alumni Relations Office is seeking recommendations for leadership for this chapter. Detra Daniels '89 and Lynne Wooten '90 are serving as the chapter representatives on the board.

Contributions are needed to support the Ralph Parker Scholarship honoring Parker for his service to UNCW and the former Office of Minority Affairs, now called the Office of Campus Diversity. For more information, please call the Alumni Relations Office.

Cameron School of Business Chapter

Despite Mother Nature imposing her will and causing the second annual Picnic in the Park to be cancelled Aug. 3, the chapter regrouped and rescheduled the event for Aug. 10. Even after the unexpected postponement, the event was a success. CSB alumni and friends turned out for free barbecue, free beverages and a free concert. Held in conjunction with the Sounds of Summer Concert Series, alumni and friends enjoyed the classic rock sounds of The Usuals.

Among the members of the Charlotte Chapter who attended the alumni event at Max and Erma's were Michael Brook '9B, Janet Bryant '97, Laura Sugg '97 (front row); Wendy Cheeks '95, '99M , Keith Oliver '93, Debra Ashness '96 (back row).

Among those in attendance were the new Cameron School of Business dean, Lawrence Clark, and the school's first dean, Norman R. Kaylor. Clark was welcomed to his first alumni chapter-related event with open arms by chapter representative Donis Noe 86, '94M and the leadership board. He expressed his interest in continuing to support chapter efforts throughout his tenure as dean. During a short program the chapter recognized Kaylor and announced that the Kaylor Scholarship was fully endowed and awarded to senior Marshall Butler of Dunn. The chapter recognized Howard Rockness for his support and dedication to the chapter during his tenure as dean.

The chapter was busy this summer preparing plans for upcoming events. Be on the look out for a survey concerning the Lifelong Learning Conference. The chapter anticipates having this event during the spring of 2001. More information will be coming soon.

With the major task of restructuring behind them, chapter members are continuously looking for dedicated alumni to join its board of directors. Alumni interested in participating in business alumni events or programs should contact Donis Noe at msdonis@aol.com or the Alumni Relations Office.

Cape Fear Chapter

Caroline Corriher '97 is leading the chapter this year. The annual golf tournament is being planned for spring 2001. The chapter hopes to avoid hurricanes with a new spring date.

Plans are also underway for a fall gathering of area alumni. Be on the look out for your invitation to join in social and leadership opportunities in this chapter which has more than 8,000 alumni in its database. Please consider joining to help with plans for supporting UNCW and area alumni.

Cameron School of Business Chapter representative Donis Nae 86, '94M, poses with Caroline Wicks and Marshall Butler, the first recipient of the chapter's scholarship given in honor of former dean Norman Kaylor (right).

Anyone interested in serving with the leadership board should contact Corriher at 910.397.0462 or caroline.corriher@wilm.ppdi.com.

Charlotte Chapter

Alumni in the Charlotte area enjoyed gathering for happy hour at the Dixie Tavern the first Tuesday of each month throughout the summer to talk and keep that Seahawk spirit alive.

In mid-August the chapter held a dinner meeting at Max and Erma's. Pat Smith, alumni executive director, joined the group to discuss the importance of the bond referendum and their vote and good news from UNCW. Alumni goodies were distributed to those present. As a result of discussions at the meeting, Charlotte area alumni gathered at The Graduate on September 30. The chapter is actively seeking volunteers to serve on its leadership board. Alumni interested in participating in chapter events or serving on the leadership board are asked to contact chapter representative Janet Bryant at jbryant@hegk.com or the Alumni Relations Office.

As the goal of the chapter is to get area alumni involved, inform them about UNCW news and opportunities and to host opportunities for fun and fellowship, there is a need for current e-mail addresses for all area alumni. Please update your information with UNCW at alumnews@uncwil.edu and copy chapter representative Janet Bryant at jbryant@hegk.com.

Communication Studies Chapter

The first summer of the new millennium brought about a fresh start for the chapter. Leigh Powell '96 took over the reins as chapter representative.

Even though this position was vacant last year, chapter members are proud of their efforts to help fully endow the Betty Jo Welch Scholarship, which will be awarded for the first time this fall to a communication studies student.

This year, the chapter will help raise funds for the Shirley Gilbert Farr Scholarship Endowment

Fund, which requires $25,000 in contributions to be fully funded and will benefit a single parent who is a communication studies student.

Susan Dwyer '00 was the first recipient thanks to the generosity of Joe Farr, Mrs. Farr's husband, and his desire to award a student the scholarship as the endowment grows. Powell, Dwyer and Farr have been working with the Alumni Relations Office and the Communication Studies Department to strategize ways of raising funds for the scholarship.

Chapter members are also working to establish a new leadership board to oversee operations and met in late September to discuss plans for the year. Alumni interested in becoming involved can contact Powell at Powell2140@mindspring.com or the Alumni Relations Office.

Triangle Alumni Chapter

Get ready for the "Hurricanes" – the Carolina Hurricanes event that is – which is planned for Triangle-area alumni on Friday, Oct. 27, against the defending Stanley Cup champions, New Jersey Devils; game time 7 p.m. The UNCW Alumni Association will join the Triangle Alumni Chapter in hosting this happening event.

Tickets are $12 for alumni to sit together and cheer for the Hurricanes. Fifty tickets have been reserved for our group and can grow to accommodate more of our fans. Food and refreshments are available at the Entertainment & Sports Arena for those who wish to purchase them. Please RSVP to Tracie at 800.596.2880 to secure your seats or e-mail chadwickt@uncwil.edu. Visa or Mastercard are accepted.

Area alumni may contact chapter representative Lloyd Hinnant at 919.460.0200 or by e-mail lhinnant@sprintmail.com for more Triangle alumni leadership opportunities.

School of Nursing

We welcome Megan Parpart '98, our newest chapter representative to serve on the alumni board. Megan will assist the association with initiatives to support Dean Virginia Adams and the School of Nursing.

Alumni are very pleased with the new SON graduate program's accreditation.

Efforts will be increased to create a leadership board to support Megan and the chapter. Please call Megan at 919.286.9896 or the Alumni Relations Office if you are interested in assisting. We look forward to all of the possibilities.

Future Comeron School of Business students and their proud parents enjoyed the chapter's picnic in Hugh MacRae Pork.

Watson School of Education Chapter

Watson School of Education Alumni Chapter members know the feeling of "back to school" that flows through a teacher's body beginning in early August. These alumni are active in the classroom, in administrative settings and on the volunteer front.

The chapter cosponsored with the Cameron School of Business a "Meet the Deans" reception to welcome their new dean, Dr. Cathy L. Barlow, and the CSB dean, Larry Clark. The Wise Alumni House setting was perfect for this gathering of alumni, staff, administration and friends.

The WSE chapter will hold its annual meeting and brunch on Saturday, Oct. 21, at the home of Janis Norris '81 to discuss this year's plans and activities for the chapter. The chapter's student mentoring program has expanded to represent all degrees offered by the WSE. This program has sparked interest at other major universities as a model to be replicated to assist students preparing for the field of education. Hats off to Sherred Weidner '82 for her leadership with this project.

This summer, a letter was sent by Diane Evers '81 to newly graduated students inviting them to join the WSE council. Response was good and the council still has room for volunteer growth and support from alumni.

Education alumni interested in the chapter and its activities should contact Evers at 910.791.6989 or beachinevers@aol.com or call the Alumni Relations Office at 800.592.2880 or 962.2682.

One World Alumni

UNCW's new International Cabinet is working to increase international programs for students, assist businesses across North Carolina and reach out to international communities in Wilmington and beyond.

Key advisors are Jeanette Hyde of Raleigh, former U.S. Ambassador to Barbados; William Warwick of Wilmington, chairman of AT&T China; and Mort Neblett of Wilmington, financial advisor with Morgan Keegan & Company Inc.

In addition, the cabinet will solicit assistance from UNCW alumni who traveled and studied abroad while students at the university. These students, called One World Alumni Ambassadors, will travel around North Carolina and speak to schools and civic groups. The cabinet will learn from the ambassadors and get ideas on how to increase international understanding.

Directors to meet

The next meeting of the UNCW Alumni Association Board of Directors will be the board retreat Nov.4-5 at Sea Trail Resort in Sunset Beach. Jay Dowd, assistant vice chancellor for development, will be the guest speaker.

The winter board meeting will be at 8:30 a.m. Jan. 20 at Wise Alumni House.

Directory out next month

The 2000 edition of the UNCW alumni directory will be out next month in both book and CD-ROM versions. If you haven't ordered yours yet, contact the alumni relations office for information on how get your copy.

Tell us your news

Tell us your news and update your records in one easy step at the alumni association's Website www.uncwil.edu/alumni.

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Facilities bond tops alumni agenda

Fancher '78

It is indeed an honor and pleasure to serve UNCW and the UNCW Alumni Association as board chair this year. I am surrounded by a great board that is the epitome of true volunteerism, all giving back to the institution that has meant so much to each of them since their graduation.

This year proves to be an important one for all UNCW alumni. First and foremost, on our agenda is the higher education facilities bond referendum that comes up for vote on the Nov. 7 ballot. Not only does UNCW and the entire university system stand to gain from this bond, but the community college system does as well.

Our young alumni program will also get off the ground this year and appropriately, UNCW Alumni Rock is our theme. This program is one of the association's goals for this year. We will be targeting young alumni who have graduated within the last 10 years, inviting them to become more involved with the association and the university.

This year we are planning our first reunion of the decades and will be honoring alumni from the '70s. Plan now to attend homecoming on Jan. 27 and this wonderful event being planned for our '70s grads.

I encourage each of you to get involved with the association whether it is through a chapter affiliation or a university event. We always want and need volunteers. Please let us know if you want to become involved with us. And, don't forget that we want UNCW alumni to get out and "rock the vote" for higher education at the polls on Nov. 7.

Rebecca B. Fancher '78

More alumni give back to UNCW

Smith '72

Special thanks to the 3,627 alumni who gave back to UNCW last year! Areas that benefited from your generosity included student scholarships, academic schools and departments, the alumni association, Wise Alumni House, athletics and others. Our alumni participation rate climbed to almost 15 percent! Let's don't stop now – we need to keep stretching our alumni donor list to further enhance our ranking and opportunities to secure additional funding from foundations and other resources.

Be looking in November for your Y2K alumni directory published by Harris. I hope that you will enjoy it and use both the book and CD-rom version to keep in touch with alumni friends. The main purpose of this project is to serve you.

The alumni association is strong in service and spirit and continues to grow in numbers at approximate 2,000 annually. We are now at 31,000 alumni and have about 25,500 whom we can contact with "good addresses." Keep us updated. It is critical to our success.

We will be welcoming our new assistant director soon who will be on the move to propel our chapter program, young alumni program, plus other alumni initiatives forward.

I hope to see you at our special events and work with you to better serve UNCW. Let me know how we can better engage you in our efforts. We know that our alumni rock – help us spread the word.

Patricia Corcoran Smith '72

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manage outstanding marketing education program and who have made significant contributions toward quality programs which improve and promote marketing education in their communities and professional association activities and leadership. Melton teaches at North Brunswick High School and is the DECA advisor. He is a former chairman of the UNCW Alumni Association.

Gary Shipman '77 was featured in the *Wilmington Morning Star* "Hero or Rascal, Shipman leaves an impression in courtroom," which characterized him as "one of the most respected – or feared – lawyers in the state."

Arthur G. Paschal '79 of Troy was awarded a doctor of education degree in educational leadership in December 1999 from UNC Greensboro.

80s

Harold U. Johnson, Jr. '80 was elected to the Cumberland County, N.J., board of freeholders. An attorney certified by the New Jersey Supreme Court as a civil and matrimonial law attorney, he practices law in Millville, N.J.

Elizabeth McDaniels Varnadore '80 of Whiteville is a nurse practitioner with Southeastern Regional Mental Health Center in Lumberton.

Valerie Hicks Kearson '82 of Henderson received the 1999 Presidential Award for Excellence in Mathematics and Science Teaching, the nation's highest honor for U.S. math teachers in grades K though 12. In addition, a $7,500 educational used at her school, a citation and a trip to , D.C. Valerie is the instruction at C.G. mentary School in unty.

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ps '83 received a master of education degree in 1999 from George Mason University.

David Shook '83 was promoted to construction and permitting manager at McKim & Creed in Wilmington.

Victor F. Seamon '86 of Burlington was awarded a doctor of philosophy degree in applied economics in 1999 from Clemson University.

Keith M. Davis '87 of Southmont was awarded a doctor of philosophy degree in counseling and counselor education in December 1999 from UNC Greensboro.

Ingrid Williams Rochelle '87 of Jacksonville earned a master of social work degree from East Carolina University and is employed as a program evaluator with the Onslow County Partnership for Children.

90s

Aito E. Keravuori '90 of Raleigh was awarded an master of business administration degree in May from Campbell University.

Robert W. Sappenfield, Jr. '90 of Charlotte has joined his wife Kristie Robinson Sappenfield '89 in working full-time in the operation of their company, Sappenfield Staffing Inc.

Karen Penner '91 has returned to the United States after four years working in Sudan, Africa, as a missionary. She resides in Tega Cay, S.C.

John Scacheri '91, '97 is in the nurse anesthesia program at the University of South Carolina. His wife, Brooke Antle Scacheri '93, is a fourth grade teacher at Wood Elementary School in Columbia, S.C.

Steven L. Galloway '92 was elected vice president of First Citizens Bank in Carolina Beach. He is a member of the Cape Fear River Watch Association.

Mary Sue Honeycutt '92 of Clinton was awarded a master of education degree in exercise science in May from Campbell University.

Susan McMillan Hughes '92 of Randleman received a master of science degree with an therapeutic recreation option from UNC Greensboro.

Dawn Evans Radford '92, '94M, '99M had two poems – "Convent" and "On Watching my Japanese Students Leave" – accepted for publication in the anthology Earth and Soul: Anthology of North Carolina Poetry, published by the Kostroma Book Publishing Project. It will be translated into Russian, and readings will be held across North Carolina next spring.

Michelle Herring Bass '93 of Clinton was awarded a master of education degree in school counseling in May from Campbell University.

Patrick Boykin '94 of Wilmington was promoted to field director of the Cape Fear Council of the Boy Scouts of America.

Phaedra Doukakis '94 completed the Ph.D. program in ecology and evolutionary biology at Yale University in June. She has a postdoctoral position at the Wildlife Conservation Society in New York, examining fisheries resource-use in northeastern Madagascar. She resides in Coram, N.Y.

Jeffrey J. Gush '94 is a physical education teacher and coaches varsity football and baseball in the Spencer Van Etten School District in Spencer, N.Y. He is pursuing a master's degree at Elmira College. He and his wife, Kerry, and their two children reside in Horseheads, N.Y.

Kristian D'Lee Pulliam '94 of Wrightsville Beach was awarded a juris doctor in May from Campbell University.

Moira J. Shortell '94 is an environmental chemist with Scilab Inc. in Lathan, N.Y., and is pursuing a bachelor of science/registered nursing degree at Russell Sage College. She was the recipient of the National Society of the Daughters of the American Revolution Caroline E. Holt Nursing Scholarship in May, the Julia Wells Scholarship in October 1999 and was a finalist in the Bellvue Woman's Hospital Nursing Achievement Awards in April.

Dawn Meadows Deal '95 of Burgaw was awarded a doctor of pharmacy degree in May from Campbell University.

Patrick C. Lynch '95 earned a master of arts in philosophy and religion at Southern Baptist Theological Seminary.

Daniel L. Willis '95 of Morehead City was awarded a master of divinity degree in May from the Baptist Theological Seminary at Richmond.

Pamela Cumbee '96 was honored by the National Youth Leadership Forum for helping high school students pursue their career interests. She teaches at South Brunswick High School.

Gregg S. Cuthill '96 lives in Quebec and is on the professional golf tour.

McGavock Henderson Edwards '96 is a public relations counselor with Epley Associates Inc./Public Relations in Raleigh.

Howard G. Hodges, Jr. '96 was awarded a juris doctor in May from Campbell University.

Rebecca Perry '96 said that in her travels as an assistant coordinator of law enforcement training with the Virginia Department of Corrections at the Staunton Correction Center she is "amazed at the number of transplanted Seahawks I meet. I am extremely proud of the respect my UNCW education receives. I hope that all students, past and present, have similar experiences."

Patricia Patterson Van Graafeiland '96 of Wilmington was awarded a doctor of pharmacy degree in May from Campbell University.

Matthew K. Zeko '96 of Fuquay-Varina was awarded a juris doctor in May from Campbell University.

Douglas P. Gast '97 is pursuing a master of arts degree in video, film and multimedia at Baylor University.

Eric L. Jackson '97 is a special agent with the U.S. Secret Service in Philadelphia.

Holly Leyendecker '97 is general manager of the Wilmington operation of Carolina Solar Security Inc.

Rebecca N. King '98M is the village manager of Bald Head Island. She resides in Ocean Isle Beach.

U.S. Army Specialist **Jeffery J. Ratliff '98** has been stationed at Camp Montieth, Kosovo, since May. "My task while in Kosovo is ordering and maintaining parts for

a fleet of 30 vehicles. Being here in Kosovo really makes a person realize just how thankful they are. Just the other day I was talking to a local and by listening to him, made me realize that people are still trying reach a point, that we as Americans take for granted. Also, it is nice seeing soldiers from all over the world trying to maintain peace in an area that is so torn up." When he returns to Germany in December, he will have about five months left in the Army. "Hopefully, once I return to civilian life I plan to enter the teaching field. I have high hopes of teaching eighth grade or high school civics. While teaching I also plan to start working on my master's in education," he said.

Ensign **Jonathan D. Auten '99** graduated from the U.S. Navy's Officer Induction School, Newport, R.I., in July and is enrolled in the Philadelphia College of Osteopathic Medicine on the Armed Forces Health Professions Scholarship Program. He was a recipient of the United Methodist Church's Hope Scholarship for leaders with the potential to make a difference in global society.

A graduate student in health, leisure and exercise science at the University of West Florida, **Lisa Hanson '99** received the National Intramural Recreation Sports Association's 2000 William N. Wasson Student Leadership and Academic Award, which recognizes students in recreational sports departments for their outstanding leadership and involvement as a participant, employee and/or volunteer. Lisa is a graduate assistant for both recreational sports and faculty in the Health, Leisure and Exercise Science Department. She teaches a section of personal health and supervises the hiring and training of officials for volleyball, soccer and special events for the UWF Sports Officials Association.

Sarah Hall Cain '99 is a loan specialist in the mortgage department at First Citizens Bank in Wilmington.

Mary Lou Klein '99 is enrolled in the master of public health degree program at the University of Minnesota.

Susan Hughes '00 is the senior account executive for Meridian International Media and Publishing Corp. in Wilmington.

weddings

Ashley B. Murchison '84 and Sara A. Estep on June 17, 2000. The couple resides in Wilmington.

June-Marie Spencer '87 and William B. Francis on April 1, 2000.

Karen C. Derrick '90 and James D. Fairley, Jr. on May 13, 2000. Karen is employed with Hendrick Imports. The couple resides in Charlotte.

Sharon L. Turlington '90 and Raymond H. Roupe, Jr. on April 8, 2000. Sharon is employed with Medac Health Services.

Roger C. Alger '94 and Leslie C. Cobb on June 3, 2000. Roger is an investment representative with Edward Jones in Raleigh. The couple resides in Morrisville.

Amy S. Gray '94, '99M and Elwood W. Gibson, Jr. on May 13, 2000. Amy is a senior financial analyst with Pharmaceutical Product Development Corporation in Wilmington.

Carrie Patterson '94 and **Ken Clarke '94** on Feb. 5, 2000. Carrie works with Stevenson Honda and Acura in Wilmington, and Ken is a reporter with the Topsail Voice in Hampstead.

Caroline Wilkie '94 and Keith Greenough on May 27, 2000. She is a math teacher at Topsail High School.

Angela L. Greene '97 and **Christopher R. Payne '99** on April 8, 2000. Angela is the traffic manager for C/K International, LLC in Durham and Christopher is an account association with Xerox Business Services. They reside in Wake Forest.

Tammy Moore '97 and Roger Allen in October 1999. Tammy is an account coordinator with Nationwide Advertising Service. The couple resides in Raleigh.

Matthew C. Blake '98 and Sara E. Nutt on June 24, 2000. He is employed by CCB in Salisbury. The couple resides in Greensboro.

Mary E. Potter '98 and L. Thomas Freeman, Jr. on June 3, 2000. Mary is a teacher at Wagram Elementary School. The couple resides in Wagram.

Jennifer L. Cole '99 and **David A. Jones II '00** on June 3, 2000. They reside in Wilmington.

Jocelyn Gaines '00 and Roger Collins, Jr. on July 15, 2000. The couple is living in Wilmington until Jocelyn completes graduate school requirements at Webster University in December 2001. She is a student co-op in the information management office with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Wilmington District.

Demaris A. Russ '00 and **David M. Helms '00** on Aug. 12, 2000. Demaris is employed by the Brunswick Community College Brunswick Interagency Program. David is employed by For Kids Only Child Development Center in Shallotte. They reside in Ocean Isle Beach.

Angie C. Walker '00 and **Stephen R. West '97** on August 12, 2000. Angie is a pediatric nurse at New Hanover Regional Medical Center, and Stephen is a loss prevention manager with Ame's Department Store. They reside in Carolina Beach.

births

To **Susan Holth-Nguyen '89** and her husband, Van, twins, Jonathon Van and Catherine Alexius, on Oct. 11, 1999. Susan is employed by Carolina Power and Light Company.

To **Tracie Bradshaw Calfee '90** and her husband Lawrence, a son, Connor Robert, on May 10, 2000. Tracy is an immigration officer with the U.S. Immigration and Naturalization Service in Eloy, Ariz. They live in Casa Grande, Ariz.

To **Jeff Felton '91** and his wife Maria, a daughter, Gillian Star, on May 26, 2000. In addition to being a senior project manager at Ease Technologies, Jeff is an adjunct professor at several colleges in Maryland. They reside in Jessup, Md.

To **Linda Porter Good '91** and her husband, Michael, a son, Forest Henry on Feb. 13, 2000.

To **David M. Brock '93** and his wife Allison, a son, Hampton David, on Jan. 31, 2000. They reside in Clinton.

To Dr. **Randolph Edwards '93** and his wife Nozomi, a son, James, on Sept. 26, 1999. Dr. Edwards is a surgery resident with St. Mary's Hospital, Yale University. They reside in Waterbury, Conn.

To **Timothy B. Teed '94** and his wife Karen a daughter, Gracie Palmer, on March 15, 2000. Timothy is a representative with Triple-T Parts and Equipment in Wilmington.

deaths

James D. "Jimmy" Herring '62 of Hampstead died on July 27, 2000.

James O. Carr '72 of Raleigh on May 28, 2000.

William G. Broadfoot, Jr. of Wilmington of June 21, 2000. He was a member of the Seahawk Club.

Benjamin R. Clayton '74 of Wilmington on June 24, 2000.

Grand ALUMNI CHAMPIONS
UNIVERSITY OF NORTH CAROLINA AT WILMINGTON

The alumni association's 30th anniversary has passed, and now 31 loyal alumni are needed this year to become the first Grand Alumni Champions.

The university's most loyal alumni who support the association at the $1,000 level, Grand Alumni Champions will provide the support for student scholarships, student development programs and the newly proposed young alumni program.

The Grand Alumni Champions also will assist in funding long-established alumni programs such as the annual awards and recognitions, pregame socials, homecoming, chapters and reunion programs.

Special distinction will be given to these alumni donors in the annual report and at all alumni gatherings. Become a Grand Alumni Champion and continue to move the association forward into its next 30 years of growth. For more information, please contact the Alumni Relations Office.

Seahawks play in Angola

Three former Seahawk standouts – Mark Byington, Victor Ebong and Tadearl Pratt – were part of an 11-man team that in August traveled to Luanda, Angola, to compete in the Angolan Basketball Federation's inaugural tournament honoring Angolan president Eduardo Dos Santos.

Former UNC Wilmington associate men's basketball coach Kirk Saulny and partner Steve Martin of SportsPlus Inc. assembled a group of former college and pro players, including the Seahawk trio, former Harlem Globetrotter Billy Ray Hobley and ex-NBA player Tracy Ware. The American unit battled teams from Angola, Portugal and France.

"This was the first part of a proposal put together by Cooper-Metoyer (Communications) for the American oil companies alliance in Africa," explained Saulny. "The African nations asked the American oil companies to improve the quality of basketball on the continent through games like this, college clinics and camps."

Saulny said this was an excellent chance for Byington, Pratt and Ebong to be seen by professional representatives from Korea, Brazil and Argentina, along with others.

Calendar
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October

5-8 Fall Break
7-8 Riverfest - Visit UNCW Alumni and Student Booths
11 Alumni Scholarship Dinner
6:30 p.m. Wise Alumni House
13 Midnite Madness - Trask Coliseum
13 N.C. Symphony Orchestra* - Classical Concert
8 p.m. Kenan Auditorium
18-20 Senior Salute
19-20 UNCW Board of Trustees
21 UNCW Arts in Action - Transactors Improv Company*
8 p.m. Kenan Auditorium
21-22 Rock Climbing at Pilot Mountain
Sponsored by UNCW Discover Outdoor Center
26 UNCW Leadership Lecture Series - Cornel West
7 p.m. Kenan Auditorium
27 Triangle Alumni Night with the Carolina Hurricanes
7 p.m. Entertainment and Sports Arena, Raleigh
28 High Ropes Course – Challenge 2000
Noon-4 p.m., Sponsored by UNCW Discover Outdoor Center
TBA Alumni Lecture Series

November

1 Past Chairs' Council Meeting
6 p.m. Wise Alumni House
1 Wilmington Concert Association*
8 p.m. Kenan Auditorium
4-5 Alumni Board Retreat
Sea Trail Resort, Sunset Beach
5 High Ropes Course – Challenge 2000
Noon-4 p.m., Sponsored by UNCW Discover Outdoor Center
5 Historic Fort Fisher Day Trip
Sponsored by UNCW Discover Outdoor Center
5 Wilmington Symphony Orchestra*
Children's Concert, 4 p.m. Kenan Auditorium
7 ELECTION DAY
Ballot Includes Higher Education Facilities Bond Referendum
18 UNCW Arts in Action - Ahn Trio*
8 p.m. Kenan Auditorium
23-24 Thanksgiving Break - UNCW offices closed

December

2 Alumni Board Holiday Party
3 Wilmington Symphony Orchestra*
Walk-in Messiah, 4 p.m. Kenan Auditorium
4 Wilmington Symphony Orchestra*
Messiah, Kenan Auditorium
6 Last Day of Classes
7 N.C. Symphony Orchestra
Holiday Pops Concert, 8 p.m. Kenan Auditorium
16 UNCW Alumni Host Graduates' Breakfast
8 a.m. Hawk's Nest
Commencement -10 a.m. Trask Coliseum
23-31 Christmas Break - UNCW Offices Closed

January

1 New Years Day - UNCW Offices Closed
8 First Day of Classes
13 Pregame Social (UNCW vs. ECU)
5 p.m. Hawk's Nest
15 Martin Luther King Holiday
UNCW Offices Closed
16 Past Chairs' Council
6 p.m. Wise Alumni House
20 Alumni Board of Directors Meeting
8:30 a.m. Wise Alumni House
20 UNCW Arts in Action - Jellyeye Drum Theatre
8 p.m. Kenan Auditorium
26 Alumni Awards Dinner
Warwick Center Ballroom
27 HOMECOMING – '70s Reunion
5K Homecoming Run*
9 a.m. Trask Coliseum
Pregame Social*
5 p.m. Hawk's Nest
UNCW Seahawks vs. William and Mary*
7 p.m. Trask Coliseum
Alumni Homecoming Dance with The Embers*
9 p.m. Wilmington Hilton Riverside

February

3 Pregame Social* (UNCW vs. JMU)
5 p.m. Hawk's Nest
3 Wilmington Concert Association*
8 p.m. Kenan Auditorium
9-10 UNC Council of Alumni Associations - Chapel Hill
10 Pregame Social* (UNCW vs. ODU)
5 p.m. Hawk's Nest
10 Wilmington Symphony Orchestra*
Classics and Pops, 8 p.m. Kenan Auditorium
13 UNCW Leadership Lecture Series - Robert Thurman
7 p.m. Warwick Center Ballroom
17 UNCW Arts in Action - Andes Manta*
8 p.m. Kenan Auditorium
26 N.C. Symphony Orchestra* - Classical Concert
8 p.m. Kenan Auditorium

March

3-5 CAA Tournament - Richmond, Va.
3-11 Spring Break
10 Wilmington Concert Association*
8 p.m. Kenan Auditorium
14-16 Senior Salute
20 UNCW Leadership Lecture Series - Molly Ivins
7 p.m. Kenan Auditorium
24 Wilmington Symphony Orchestra*
8 p.m. Kenan Auditorium
26 N.C. Symphony Orchestra*
8 p.m. Kenan Auditorium
31 UNCW Arts in Action - Leahy*
4 p.m. and 8 p.m. Kenan Auditorium

*** There is an admission charge for these events**

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JOIN US FOR A '70S REUNION SATURDAY, JAN. 27, 2001

Special recognition for Delta Upsilon & Zeta Tau Alpha

9 A.M. ..... 5K HOMECOMING RUN
Www.uncwil.edu/stuaff/camprec/spevents/5krun/htm

10:30 A.M..... STUDENT RECREATION CENTER TOUR
Register with alumni office to use the facility

NOON ..... DROP-IN LUNCH @ WISE ALUMNI HOUSE
No charge for alumni & guests

2 P.M. ..... CENTER FOR MARINE SCIENCE VISIT
Get your map at lunch

5 P.M. ..... CHICKEN PICKIN' PREGAME SOCIAL
Meet us @ the Hawk's Nest

7 P.M. ..... SEAHAWKS VS. WILLIAM & MARY
Tickets are $10, 14 and under $5

9 P.M. ..... HOMECOMING DANCE @ WILMINGTON HILTON
Dance to The Embers. Tickets $15

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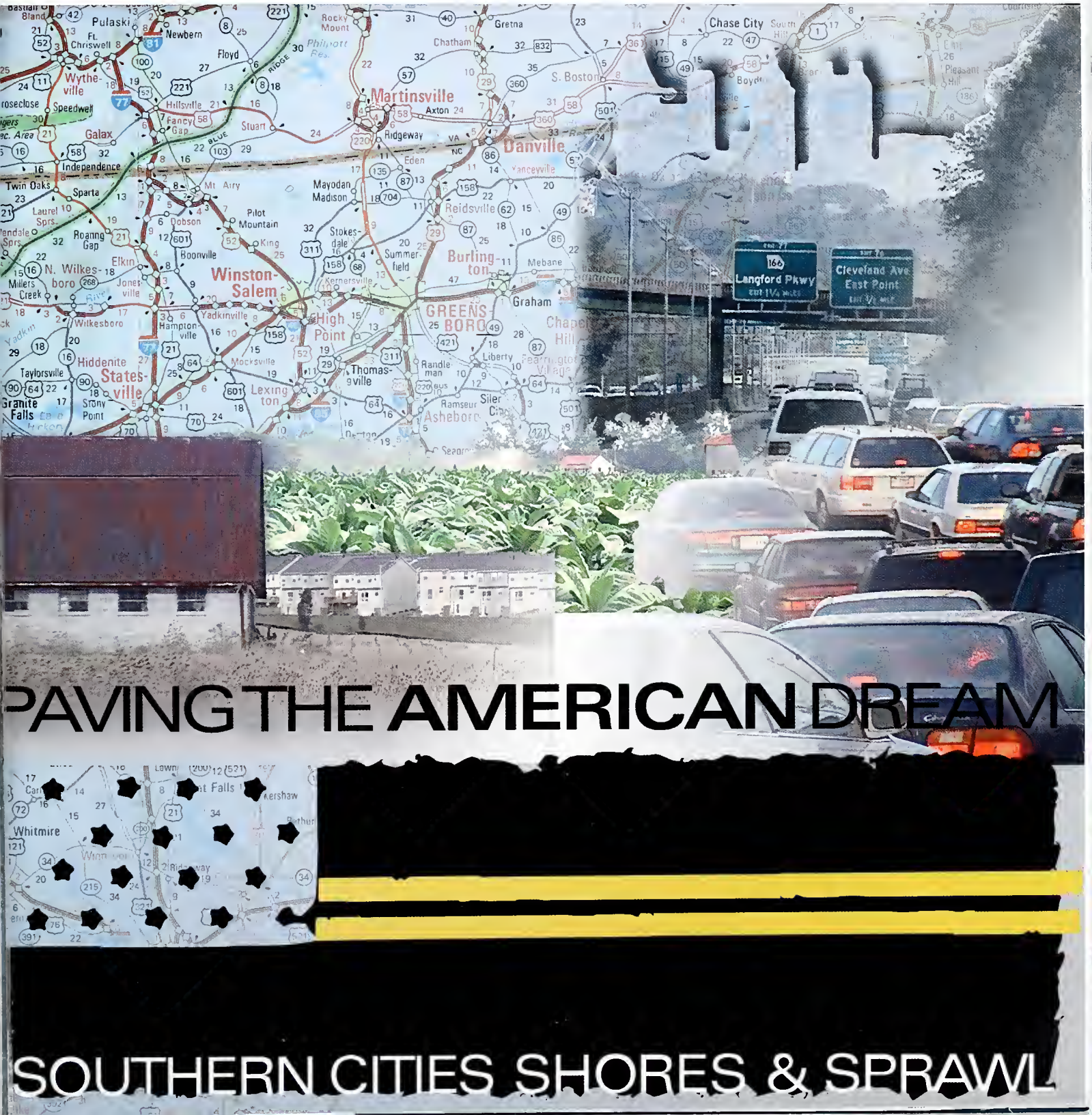

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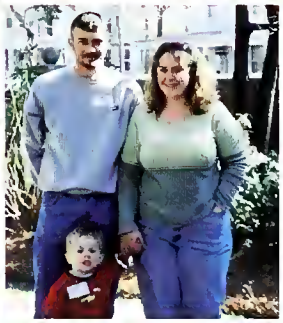

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Urban sprawl – crowded highways, suburban dwellings overtaking the rural landscape – the problems it creates and some livable solutions are the focus of UNCW's newest documentary Paving the American Dream: Southern Cities, Shores and Sprawl *which will air at 8 p.m. Wednesday, June 20, on PBS stations in North and South Carolina. Check local listings in other southeastern states for the exact air date in June.*

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Two ceremonies planned for spring commencement

Because the number of spring graduates has grown so large, the university will conduct two commencement ceremonies in May.

"The biggest concern was the seating capacity," said Mary Crookes, commencement coordinator. "Students want to be able to invite more family members, and there just isn't room if there is one ceremony."

Trask Coliseum can accommodate 6,100 people, which has limited past graduates to just three tickets a person. The new plan would give this year's 1,260 graduates up to six tickets.

On May 19, a ceremony for graduates in the College of Arts and Sciences will be held at 9:30 a.m.; graduates from the professional schools – Cameron School of Business, the School of Nursing and Watson School of Education – will join for a second ceremony at 2:30 p.m. Both will be similar to past year's programs, with undergraduates being recognized by department and graduate students walking across the stage to receive their diplomas. Tom Morris, noted business speaker and author of *If Aristotle Ran General Motors: The New Soul of Business*, will be the speaker.

A breakfast beginning at 7:30 a.m under a tent on the quad will be held for College of Arts and Sciences graduates and their families, while professional school graduates will be invited to a light reception under the tent in the quad following their ceremony.

Many academic departments are hosting events on May 18, which will be followed by an all-graduate event at the Warwick Center at 8 p.m.

Beverly Malone, U.S. deputy assistant secretary for health, Dean Virginia Adams of the UNCW School of Nursing and Chancellor James R. Leutze join the U.S. Surgeon General, Dr. David Satcher, who was the keynote speaker at the fall commencement ceremony.

Media Blitz gets CASE award

The two-day, 12-stop, 600-mile media blitz organized by the UNCW Office of University Relations received an Award of Excellence in the media relations category of the District III Council for the Advancement and Support of Education (CASE) advancement awards competition.

Organized by Mimi Cunningham, assistant vice chancellor for university relations, the blitz was a concerted effort by three universities and 13 community colleges in the region to educate citizens of southeastern North Carolina about the need for and potential impact of the $3.1 billion community college and university facilities bond issue. It took place Oct. 3 and 4, 2000.

Photo by Melva Calder

A new classroom building nears completion. Three more are planned.

Referendum success set stage for building boom

The building boom begins this fall at UNCW and will take about six years to complete, yet when it's all over the campus will still be in a space crunch.

Months of hard work by North Carolina's public university and community college personnel, state and local business and government leaders, alumni and students paid off on Nov. 7, 2000, when 73 percent of voters statewide voted in favor of the $3.1 billion higher education facilities bond issue. It carried in all 100 counties.

Now, as the money begins to flow to the universities and community colleges over the next six years, higher education in North Carolina will see a "renaissance," Chancellor James Leutze said. Most campuses have never had this much capital money at one time, he pointed out. The challenge will be to use it wisely and responsibly, to master the intricacies of scheduling the building program so as not to disrupt learning and to be good stewards.

UNCW's share of the bond – $108.1 million – will be used to construct three new classroom buildings and renovate eight existing buildings, plus make improvements to the infrastructure throughout campus. The school of education building is first on the list, with a groundbreaking planned for the fall. Construction of the creative arts and general classroom buildings will begin in 2003. Renovation projects will be staggered between 2003 and 2007.

Even though this is the largest expansion in the institution's history, Chancellor Leutze told the board of trustees in January that "these buildings aren't taking us to 2010 or 2020. We're continuing to grow."

The new facilities will add only three square feet of academic space per student for a net gain of 28,000 square feet of new space as enrollment continues to grow and people who were working off campus or in cramped quarters return to appropriate on-campus locations, explained Robert Fry, assistant to the chancellor for planning, who is heading up the university committee overseeing the construction effort.

The committee has been charged with coordinating the logistics as buildings are constructed and renovated and displaced personnel are temporarily relocated to modular facilities.

Mariculture gets federal boost

With more than a half million dollars in federal funding, UNCW is becoming a leading center for mariculture research.

The program received a $234,000 research grant from the U.S. Department of Agriculture for fiscal year 2000 and an additional $315,000 for 2001. Sen. Jesse Helms (R-NC), Sen. John Edwards (D-NC) and Rep. Mike McIntyre (D-NC) played key roles in helping UNCW receive the funding.

Mariculture, or marine aquaculture, is an important means for replacing the quickly declining wild stocks of fish species worldwide. All marine food species are heavily fished, and some are facing commercial extinction. The U.S. imports more than 50 percent of its seafood products.

UNCW studies such things as broodstock nutrition, growth and survivability of southern and summer flounder and the spawning of black seabass in closed, controlled systems. Also important to the project is the reduction of environmental problems presented by mariculture techniques. UNCW is researching ways to reduce pollution and other unwanted hazards that could result from fish farming in the U.S. and other parts of the world.

"UNCW intends to conduct leading edge research in ways not only to help the American aquatic farmer provide seafood, but to learn how to reintroduce depleted species back to their natural habitat," stated Chancellor James R. Leutze.

Photo by Phillip Brown

Virginia Adams, dean of the school of nursing, spoke at the dedication of the health clinic at Navassa in Brunswick County.

Nursing takes on rural care

The UNCW School of Nursing is reaching out to rural communities in southeastern North Carolina with the help of $320,000 in federal funds to provide primary health care services and education to residents.

"Faculty and students from the School of Nursing will provide limited services, focused education and health assessment to families with chronic illnesses," said Dr. Virginia Adams, dean of the nursing school.

A portion of the funds will cover operating costs for a health clinic in Navassa; the remainder will be used to construct a similar facility in Bolton. These grants support efforts by the UNCW School of Nursing to provide primary health care and health education to medically underserved communities.

UNCW-led research goes to new depths

The National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) and UNCW scientists helped launch a new era of ocean exploration in October during a two-week expedition in the Gulf of Mexico, using the nation's deepest diving research submersible, *Alvin*.

Andrew Shepard, associate director of NOAA's National Undersea Research Center at UNCW, coordinated the series of 14 dives – some as deep as 11,000 feet – on oil and gas seeps and submarine canyons from Texas to Florida.

"This expedition exemplifies UNCW's commitment to exploring and understanding the world's oceans," said Shepard. "The oceans are a vast untapped store of natural resources. Our expedition was a rare opportunity to explore the dark, deep sea and shed light on some of these hidden resources."

Investigations spanned subjects ranging from gas hydrates (an ice-like form of natural gas) to intense underwater storms with currents that threaten stability of new deep sea oil rigs. Other expedition results provide new insights into the history and extent of natural oil and gas seeps on the Gulf of Mexico seafloor; lay the groundwork for safely tapping new energy resources, previously unknown or out of reach; and add new understanding of the diversity of life in the deep sea.

In addition to UNCW, major support was provided by NOAA's National Undersea Research Program, Minerals Management Service, the National Energy Technology Lab (Department of Energy) and NOAA's National Ocean Service. *Alvin* and its support vessel *R/V Atlantis* are operated by Woods Hole Oceanographic Institution. Science partners included teams from Texas A&M University, Louisiana State University, University of South Carolina and the College of William & Mary.

Andrew Shepard took Alvin *to the depths of the Gulf of Mexico where unusual creatures like this spider crab (right) live.*

Two new degree programs added

UNCW has added two new bachelor's degree programs to its list of undergraduate offerings: creative writing and film studies.

The bachelor of fine arts in creative writing "will provide an intensive apprenticeship in writing, informed by the close study of literature, to serious, aspiring writers, among a community of accomplished professional writers," said Mark Cox, chair of UNCW's Creative Writing Department.

In addition to 14 required courses, the degree in film studies will offer students internship experience in a variety of film-related businesses, taking advantage of the university's proximity to EUE Screen Gems and the many film professions who live and work in the area.

Campaign for education honors statewide leader

UNCW is in the midst of a million-dollar campaign for education honoring one of North Carolina's most influential leaders.

Jay M. Robinson, a UNCW Board of Trustee member, died of cancer in April 2000 after a 50-year career devoted to education that spanned the entire state. After his death, Robinson's friends and colleagues, who include Dean Smith and former governors Jim Hunt and Jim Holshouser formed the Friends of Jay Robinson Leadership Committee and established the Jay Robinson Memorial Fund.

Robinson was well-known for his many accomplishments in education. The ABC's accountability plan that he created during his tenure as chairman of the State Board of Education is recognized nationwide. The N.C. Teaching Fellows Program he developed is noted as being the leading scholarship program for aspiring teachers. Robinson was also popular for his role in ending segregation in North Carolina's public schools during the 1970s while he was a superintendent.

The fund drive honoring Robinson's life is now underway and will underwrite two programs he felt were most important:

- The Jay Robinson Education Scholars Program which will serve students from around North Carolina who wish to become teachers and pursue their studies at UNCW's Donald R. Watson School of Education.
- The North Carolina Teachers Legacy Hall which will recognize and honor teachers by commemorating their work and dedication in a museum-like display. The Legacy Hall will occupy the atrium of the soon-to-be constructed school of education building and regional education resource center.

More information on the memorial fund can be obtained by calling 910.962.7055.

Endowment honors CP&L directors

The CP&L Foundation honored Daniel D. Cameron and Gordon C. Hurlbert, both former members of the CP&L Board of Directors, with a $900,000 gift to UNCW. The gift will endow two professorships and establish a development fund in the Cameron School of Business.

The Gordon C. Hurlbert Endowment will support a professorship in information systems. The Betty H. Cameron Professorship, named for Cameron's wife who is a former UNCW trustee, will support a distinguished faculty in entrepreneur studies. The Pat Moran Hurlbert Development Fund, named for Hurlbert's wife, will endow the faculty development fund for the school's dean.

Additional funding for the professorships comes from the UNC Board of Governors and a state matching program. For every $333,333 in private giving, the university is eligible for $167,667 appropriated by the General Assembly to bring an endowed professorship to the $500,000 level. With the match, the total endowment will be $1.233 million.

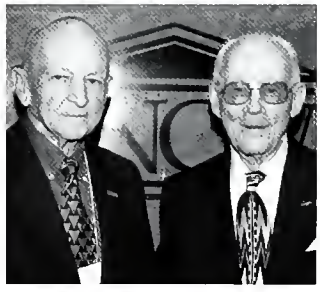
Training center for businesses

UNCW opened the doors of its new Executive Development Center at the Landfall Center near Wrightsville Beach in March, giving the university a dedicated facility for business-oriented conferences that fits in with its public service mission.

"We want to provide corporations and businesses in the region with a facility they can use for training and executive development programs, with state-of-the-art technology in a comfortable setting," said Bruce Ragon, assistant vice chancellor for public service and extended education.

Operated by the Division for Public Service and Extended Education, the center is designed to accommodate a variety of group sizes and needs with a 200-seat meeting hall, executive board rooms, a theater-style seminar room and training rooms complemented with a full-range of catering and conference services.

Kathy McDaniel talks with Meredith Powell in the lobby of UNCW's Executive Training Center.



School of Nursing gifts were made in honor of Dr. R. T. Sinclair Jr. and Dr. R. Bertram Williams.

Foundations' gifts help nursing school attract top students

Gifts by the Cape Fear Memorial Foundation and the New Hanover Regional Medical Center Foundation are helping the UNCW School of Nursing attract and retain the best students for entry into the nursing profession.

In January, Cape Fear contributed $50,000 to endow a scholarship in honor of Dr. R.T. Sinclair Jr., a founder of Cape Fear Memorial Hospital.

New Hanover's gift created a scholarship loan program in honor of Dr. R. Bertram Williams, a founding member of the medical center. Under that program nursing students can apply for a forgivable loan to cover tuition and fees, and upon graduation, repay the loan or work in the New Hanover Health Network for a defined period of time.

Gage appointed to UNC board

Hannah Gage, a member of the UNCW Board of Trustees and former chair, was elected by the N.C. Senate to serve on the UNC Board of Governors for a four-year term. Gage is general manager of Cape Fear Broadcasting, which operates WGNI-FM and WMNX-FM. She was sponsored by Sen. Luther Jordan of Wilmington. Gage's appointment to the UNCW board continues through June 30.

Four new teams added in CAA reorganization

Photo by James Flint

Tim Burnette defends David Morris as the UNCW Seahawks play the Dayton Flyers in the first round of the National Invitation Taurnament in March. The Seahawks lost 68-59.

Changes to the Colonial Athletic Association which will take effect in 2003 will pit UNCW against teams from the University of Delaware, Drexel University, Hofstra University and Towson University.

CAA commissioner Thomas E. Yeager said the additions "boast programs that are highly-regarded on a national level in terms of both academic and athletic excellence. These schools will mesh well with the existing membership of the Colonial Athletic Association and enhance our reputation as we move forward."

The four newcomers, who have been members of the America East Conference, will join UNCW, George Mason University, James Madison University, Old Dominion University, Virginia Commonwealth University and the College of William & Mary to form a 10-team conference which will conduct championships in 20 sports.

UNCW Athletic Director Peg Bradley-Doppes is excited about the new members of the CAA. "The addition of Hofstra, Delaware, Towson and Drexel is great for the CAA and for UNCW," she said.

"The footprint of the CAA conference now stretches the span of the East Coast, including new major media markets like New York, Philadelphia and Baltimore. The visibility of our conference will only increase UNCW's visibility and presence. I believe our beautiful campus, great academics and wonderful location will prove to be a great asset in the recruitment of students as well as in the promotion of our athletic programs," Bradley-Doppes said.

With the change, women's softball and men's lacrosse championships will be established with the possibility of other championships being added in the future.

Wall of Loyalty recognizes donors

You can become a part of university history by participating in the Seahawk Club's Project 2002 Wall of Loyalty.

As part of the expanded Nixon Annex at Trask Coliseum, the Wall of Loyalty will recognize individuals who have made contributions to support the construction of the 6,000-square-foot, $850,000 addition that will enable UNCW to enhance its role as a regional and national power in intercollegiate athletics. It will bring the entire athletic department under one roof, enable the Seahawk Club to better serve its Chancellor's Club members and provide a more modern meeting place for the Athletics Department, the university and the community.

The Wall of Loyalty will give donors permanent name recognition within the expanded Nixon Annex. Four options are available:

- A 24x24-inch Foundation Brick for $10,000.
- A Golden Anniversary Brick celebrating 50 years of UNCW Athletics for $5,000.
- An 8x8-inch Leadership Brick for $3,000.
- A 4x8-inch Supporting Brick for $1,000.

All brick purchases are payable over a three-year period. Additional information on the Wall of Loyalty can be obtained by calling 910.962.3571.

NSF grant funds creation of digital library

Researchers at UNCW received a $1.14 million grant from the National Science Foundation to create a digital library of science and math resources for undergraduate education. The grant is one of the largest ever awarded to the university.

Photo by Erin Wall

Stedman Graham discusses his self-mativationol system, detailed in the book You Can Make it Happen: A Nine-Step Plan for Success. *Graham is perhaps best known for his long-standing relationship with TV talk show host Oprah Winfrey. The visit was spansored by Jeff Stacks, president and CEO of Manpower and UNCW Board of Visitars member, for the UNCW Cameron School of Business and community leaders.*

"This library will help improve science and math education by providing college instructors worldwide with the tools to develop better lessons," said Dick Ward, lead investigator and Chemistry Department chair.

While other digital libraries exist, Ward said this will be the first major project to employ the metadata tagging system developed by the Instructional Management Systems Project sponsored by EDUCAUSE, a not-for-profit professional organization whose members work with computer technology at the collegiate level.

Ward said the library will initially be stocked with objects created at UNCW but will ultimately accept content from universities worldwide. Submitted materials, which would undergo an independent review process, will include still photos, animation and audio and video clips to instructional modules and digital lessons.

"UNCW has a long history of incorporating technology into the teaching process. Since the late 1980s, university faculty have developed digital materials for use in math and science courses," said Ward.

Assisting with the project are Jimmy Reeves, associate professor of chemistry; Gabriel Lugo and Russ Herman, associate professors of mathematics and statistics; Ron Vetter, Computer Science Department chair; and Richard Dillaman, professor of biological sciences. UNCW graduate and undergraduate students from these departments will also be involved with the project working to create instructional materials and catalogue files.

Before the end of the two-year grant period, Ward said he will seek corporate sponsorship to sustain the project.

PAVING THE **AMERICAN** DREAM

UNCW's newest documentary looks for solutions

By Gina Roundtree

People fleeing the city for quiet rural life. Strip malls popping up to meet their needs. Roads emerging to carry people to and from the suburbs.

The American dream?

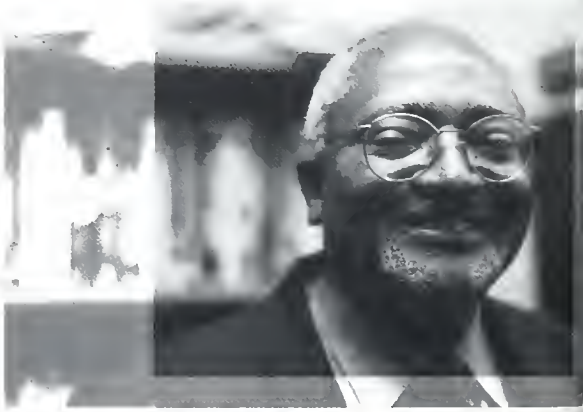
For many people, at one time, moving away from cities was considered the answer. Today, the negative effects of urban sprawl can be felt throughout the country.

Growth is exploding along our coasts, especially in the Southeastern United States. In 1960, eight million people lived along the coast. That number is expected to reach nearly 23 million by the year 2015 – a staggering 188 percent increase. Ecologically fragile with a finite amount of land, the coast is overwhelmed with second homes, malls, golf courses and marinas.

What factors have led to urban sprawl and to growth along the coast? What are the issues surrounding growth? What can be done to help the economy and the environment without hindering growth and development?

From Maryland to Florida, these questions will be explored in the upcoming documentary, *Paving the American Dream: Southern Cities, Shores and Sprawl.*

The fourth documentary in eight years produced by the University of North Carolina at Wilmington, *Paving the American Dream* will air at 8 p.m. June 20 on public broadcasting stations in North and South Carolina. Check local list-



"We're using much more land to accommodate a somewhat modest increase in population," Dana Beach, executive director of the South Carolina Conservation League, told UNCW Chancellor James R. Leutze (left). "There is a direct correlation between air quality and health," Dr. Robert D. Bullard, of the Environmental Justice Center at Clark Atlanta University, observed. "Asthma is the number one reason why most children in Atlanta are sent to the hospital and emergency room" (right).

ings during June for the exact airtime in Maryland, Virginia, North Carolina, Georgia and Florida.

"The University of North Carolina at Wilmington is dedicated to fulfilling its mission," said James R. Leutze, Ph.D., chancellor of UNCW. "We must reach beyond our campus boundaries to raise awareness and educate the public about issues that not only affect our state, but our society as a whole.

"Rapid growth is not only an issue in Wilmington, North Carolina," Leutze said. "It is a national issue. People are talking about it at dinner parties."

Previous UNCW documentaries, including *River Run*, *Treasure Coast* and *Currents of Hope*, have explored environmental issues within North Carolina.

"When looking at growth, especially along the coast, you can't help but look beyond Eastern North Carolina," Leutze said. "Nearly every inch of the coast between Maryland and Florida has been developed. I was stunned."

Issues such as traffic congestion, air and water pollution, disappearing farms and forests and the eroding coastline all lead to a declining quality of life and environment. But does the environment have to suffer to have a prosperous economy?

Over the course of the hour-long documentary, viewers will hear from scholars, corporations, politicians, community leaders and citizens up and down the eastern seaboard who are trying to find answers.

A solution referred to as "Smart Growth," which includes green space initiatives, downtown revitalization, mixed use zoning and planning, allows communities to grow without hurting the economy or despoiling the land, waters and air.

"Smart growth is about choices," said Elaine Penn, the documentary's executive producer. "Growth with less traffic, more green space. Create neighborhoods that combine the residential with the commercial. The list goes on."

How have communities used smart growth?

Cities such as Chapel Hill, N.C., along with Boca Raton and West Palm Beach, Fla., have passed mixed-use zoning ordinances. There are cities that are developing better public transportation programs. Others like Atlanta, Ga., are using innovative tax advantages for carpooling.

Closer to home, community leaders and elected officials in Wilmington have begun to work together to manage the area's growing population which increased by a third over the past decade to more than 160,000 residents. In 2000, Wilmington's City Council passed its first mixed-use zoning ordinance.

"By managing our growth we can protect and enhance the quality of life in southeastern North Carolina while continuing to grow," said Laura Padgett, Wilmington City Council member. "It becomes a whole community way of life. To me, smart growth is all about new ideas and a willingness to participate."

For example, organizations such as Corning and UNCW have started shuttle services. Corning offers its employees a ride on a shuttle bus between its two facilities, decreasing the number of cars on College Road, and UNCW's shuttle service has decreased the number of cars in and around campus. Wilmington's downtown area is another good example of smart growth and how revitalization can create a sense of community and convenience.

Communities are beginning to focus on getting it right now and for future generations. With the future in mind, UNCW will create the Educator's Resource Web Site designed primarily for public schools. Developed in conjunction with the N.C. Department of Public Instruction, the site will

"We're still suffering from a high rate of growth and fairly dense population. We don't have the infrastucture to handle that growth, and we have a delicate environment that's being stressed by the fast growth and lack of planning," said Laura Padgett, a member of the Wilmington City Council (left). Ann Raise, director of economic development in Savannah, believes, "A sense of place means a sense of connectiveness. That sense of place is very important because ... (it) ... provides a blueprint for what we should be building for the future" (right).

have more than 100 educational activities for school-age children.

Students will use history, science, creative writing, field trips, strategic thinking and much more to solve growth-related problems. In addition, the site will link to several other organizations focused on smart growth. Available worldwide on the Internet, this site will be a good resource for anyone interested in learning more about smart growth. To complement the Website, copies of the documentary will be provided to every school system in the six-state area.

Awareness and education are just the first steps.

"Together, we must redefine the American dream lest we wake up someday and find we've paved it over," Leutze said. Communities need to come together to plan for the future.

"While planning and new ideas are essential," Leutze said, "I want people to walk away from watching *Paving the American Dream* with a sense of urgency. People must understand that time is critical. Our environment is riding on it."

Meet the documentary makers, Please turn to page 11

Generous sponsor support helped make *Paving the American Dream* a reality

Paving the American Dream: Southern Cities, Shores and Sprawl would not be possible without the generous support of corporate sponsors and many other organizations who gave of their time and talent. Title sponsors for the documentary are the Holiday Inn SunSpree, Sprint PCS and Weyerhaeuser. When representatives were asked why their corporations helped support *Paving the American Dream*, they had the following to say:

"As a good example of an environmentally-sensitive development, the Holiday Inn Sunspree takes smart growth seriously and knows its impact on the community, especially the environment. It is a natural connection that we would want to help UNCW with this endeavor. We strongly support the university's commitment to the community and its efforts to educate the public about the issues surrounding growth."

- Anne Marie Hartman, general manager, Holiday Inn SunSpree

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"This documentary provides an excellent vehicle in which to educate the community on the realities of smart growth and to explore all sides of the issue. Not only does this documentary discuss issues in North Carolina, it explores growth along much of the Eastern Seaboard. Sprint PCS is thrilled to partner with UNCW to raise awareness about growth-related issues to such a large audience."

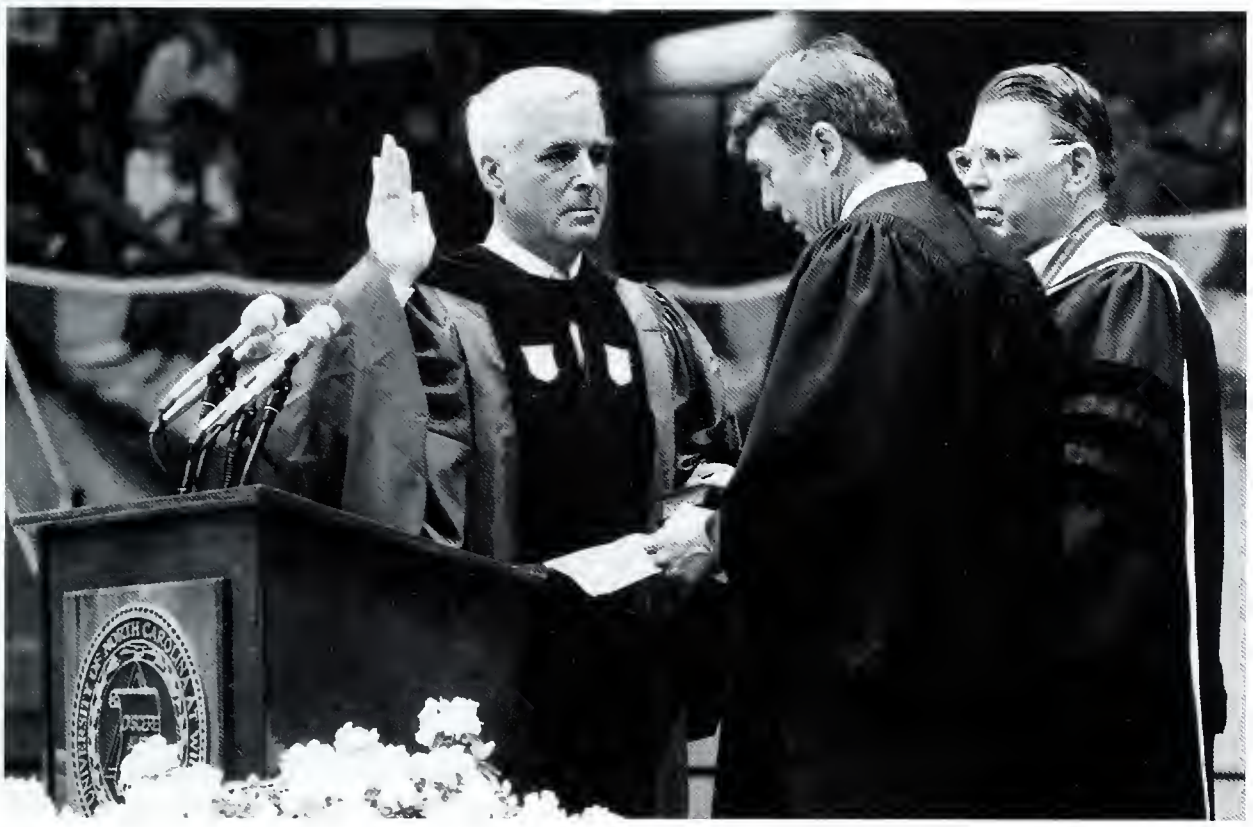
- Dennis Doepker, regional director, Sprint PCS

"Weyerhaeuser had a great experience working with Chancellor Leutze and UNCW on the Neuse River documentary Currents of Hope, so we were very receptive when they approached us about this project. We think smart growth is an extremely important topic for our state to address. From Weyerhaeuser's point of view, we think managed, sustainable forests are a great way to conserve green space. We also believe that real estate development for population growth should enhance the environment rather than supplant it. Paving the American Dream will add a lot to the public discussion of this very important topic. Weyerhaeuser is proud to help sponsor the documentary."

Weyerhaeuser

- Marc Finlayson, Weyerhaeuser

"Free, unrestricted use of property is going to lead to the degradation of the environment at a far more rapid rate than it should have," UNCW biological sciences professor Courtney Hackney believes (left). Elizabeth Plater Zyberk, dean of the School of Architecture at the University of Miami and copartner of DPZ Architects (right), believes, "Much of the movement to reform the suburban picture has to do with the fact that people don't want to be living in this characterless place."



James R. Leutze was sworn is as chancellor of the University of North Caralina at Wilmington an April 5, 1991. Presiding at the ceremony was N.C. Chief Justice James G. Exum Jr. and C.D. Spangler, who was president of the UNC system at the time.

It's been a "dynamic decade"

University reaches new heights during Leutze's 10-year tenure

By Dan Guy '01

People may wonder how the value of a college degree can increase. But UNCW alumni understand that a degree can indeed increase in value, because they have seen it happen the last 10 years under the leadership of Dr. James R. Leutze.

"One of the things we know is that the value of our diploma increases because of the status our university has attained," said Becky Fancher, chair of the UNCW Alumni Association Board of Directors. "Dr. Leutze has raised the bar for academic standards."

According to *U.S. News and World Report*'s "America's Best Colleges" guide, UNCW rose from 23rd out of 150 public universities in the South in 1992 to become one of the top 10 regional undergraduate public universities in the South for 2000. The university also boasts one of the top five marine biology programs in the nation, according to the *Gourman Report.*

"Dr. Leutze sees something, envisions what it can become and then takes it to that level," Fancher said. "People recognize us now not as the college down the road, but the university for the region."

Students looking for a college education have considered UNCW to be an educational leader. Over the last 10 years, freshman applications are up 40 percent and total enrollment is up 41 percent. The average SAT for entering freshmen is now 1,100, and their high school grade point average is 3.5 on a 4.0 scale.

"Dr. Leutze's leadership has affected the entire university, and he has challenged the university (to achieve) higher standards," said

Robert Warwick '55, former member of the UNCW Board of Trustees and current member of the UNC Board of Governors. "He has brought the university recognition within the state and the nation."

The university has a had remarkable list of accomplishments during the last decade. It has seen its operating budget grow from $60 million to $134 million. The number of faculty has grown 62 percent to 609. Capital projects have increased from $2 million to $74 million, with another $108 million to come from the higher education facilities bond issue that passed overwhelmingly by 73 percent in 2000.

The campus has seen the addition of several new facilities: Warwick Center (1991), Dobo Science Hall (1996), the Center for Marine Science at Myrtle Grove (1999), a student recreation center (1999), international and honors residences (1999) and a classroom building currently under construction.

The impacts of campus beautification and improvement projects, such as the campus commons, Eaton Plaza and the designation of the campus as an arboretum are readily visible.

"Dr. Leutze has brought vision and energy [to the university] at the right time," said Hannah Gage, former chair of the UNCW Board of trustees and newly appointed member of the UNC Board of Governors. "The strength of his leadership enabled the school to move ahead. Dr. Leutze is a once-in-a-lifetime kind of leader."

Many new academic programs have been developed during the last 10 years including international student exchanges with 26 universities worldwide and

Photo by Marybeth Bianchi

The UNCW Alumni Association hosted a reception at Wise Alumni House recognizing Dr. Jomes Leutze for his many accomplishments during his "dynomic decade" as chancellor at UNCW. As part of the recognition, the associotion presented him with o framed limited edition print of Mort Kuntsler's painting, "The Gunner and the Colonel." James Stasios, former board chair, made the presentation.

bachelor's degree and master's degree programs in creative writing, film studies, liberal studies, psychology, accountancy, school administration, marine science, nursing and instructional technology. Pending UNCW Board of Governor's approval are a master of public administration degree and the university's first Ph.D. program, in marine biology.

"Jim Leutze's vision of the role of the university is based on service to the people of the state, providing quality undergraduate education as well as outreach," said Mark Lanier, special assistant to the chancellor. "What he sees is a university connected to the people."

In that respect, the university created the Division for Public Service and Extended Education, established transfer articulation agreements with nine area community colleges and supported the Professional Development System through the Watson School of Education which works with teachers in 65 public schools in 11 area districts.

"Jim Leutze is a big believer in the saying that 'the borders of the campus are contiguous with the borders of the state.' If the university expects to have the support of the entire state, it needs to support the entire state," Lanier said.

Leutze has lead the university to pioneer technological advancements in southeastern North Carolina including the Vision Carolina project, which linked UNCW to high schools, community colleges and hospitals statewide and was a pilot for the North Carolina Information Highway. He has been an advocate for Web-assisted and Web-based learning, including the development of his own course on military history. Last year,

*'Dr. Leutze's **LEADERSHIP** has affected the entire university, and he has challenged the university [to achieve] **HIGHER STANDARDS.** He has brought the university **RECOGNITION** within the state and the nation.'*

– Robert Warwick

Leutze was appointed by the governor to chair the Rural Internet Access Authority, whose mission is to make high speed Internet access available to every North Carolina citizen by 2003.

"Jim Leutze is busy seven days a week, between his visibility on campus and in the local community, travel around the state, and travel overseas to establish contacts for the university in other countries," Lanier said. "He's actively involved in promoting this university on almost a nonstop basis."

Among numerous accomplishments, the university has achieved success in fund-raising efforts during the last 10 years. There has been an increase in alumni giving to 14.7 percent, an increase in the endowment from $4.97 million to $20.5 million and the completion of the university's first comprehensive capital campaign which raised $25 million.

Leutze has also produced three award-winning documentaries that heightened the university's visibility as a leader in natural environmental concerns and economic development. His fourth documentary on smart growth will air on PBS in May.

"He would be the first to tell you he doesn't deserve all the credit," Lanier said. "He looks for good people with the same values and the same level of enthusiasm, delegates to them, and lets them do good things."

Lanier described Leutze as being charismatic and projecting the image of a leader.

"When he first got here, he was given the nickname 'Fireball Leutze.' That accurately describes his energy level to make the job happen," Lanier said. "He gets the best out of other people by encouraging them to think big, not to settle for second best. That's part of what leadership is all about."

He explained that there is also a warm personal side of Leutze, and that he cares about people.

"He encourages people to be positive and contributory, not to tear things down, but instead, if you've got a better idea of how to do something, he's wide open to hear it," Lanier said. "He wants to do it the best way, whether it's his way or not."

Dan Guy is graduating in May 2001 with a bachelor's degree in communication studies. He is news editor of The Seahawk.

Buttino, Penn key players in documentary production

UNCW Chancellor James Leutze discusses the documentory with Lou Buttino.

Believing he could lament television's poor quality or do something about it, Lou Buttino decided to become active in documentaries because they can be an effective teaching tool. He sees them as a way to inform and inspire. His work has nearly always focused on humanitarian concerns.

Buttino has been involved with more than 20 films and has earned 14 state, national or international writing and documentary awards.

Among his notable documentaries are *Even the Heavens Weep* (1985) which explored the unjust treatment of coal miners and helped pass federal legislation regarding black lung disease, *Honduran Hope* (2001) which has helped raise more than $50,000 for the relief of victims of Hurricane Mitch, and *Together: A Seahawk Season* (1999) which took a behind-the-scenes look at the UNCW men's basketball program, focusing on team-building, character and the importance of academics.

Buttino is currently taking a leave of absence from his duties as professor of communication studies at UNCW where he has worked since 1995.

Since 1993, Elaine Penn has served as project director, executive producer and chief fund-raiser for the university's various environmental education projects, which include the award-winning documentaries *Currents of Hope, Treasure Coast and River Run.*

She has raised more than $950,000 to cover the costs of production for these films in addition to coordinating their production and developing supplemental educational materials for public schools.

A talented singer and songwriter, Penn wrote and recorded the title song for *Paving the American Dream*, titled "It's a Gift."

In her spare time, Penn travels around the state as a motivational speaker and workshop facilitator on a variety of topics including leadership, women's issues, wellness and diversity.

Four themes interlock academics

By John C. Cavanaugh, Ph.D.

UNCW is blessed with an abundance of talented faculty, students and staff. Our rapid growth has enabled us to build a diverse mix of academic programs that provides students a wide array of opportunities to learn.

With this diversity, though, comes the challenge of trying to make sense out of our curriculum and to make smart, timely and innovative decisions about its future. To achieve these goals it is helpful to have a small set of themes that guide the development of new programs and the deployment of resources.

Over the past year, four integrative themes have been identified which provide a way to knit the fabric of our academic programs. Each program can easily connect to one or more themes. Taken together, these themes provide an intellectual environment unique to UNCW.

Regional Engagement

UNCW's coastal location places it in the midst of many complex issues, such as rapid population and economic growth as well as the coexistence of great wealth and poverty. Other pressing issues include a shortage of qualified teachers, lack of access to technology, concerns about water quality and health care, among many others.

UNCW has a long history of regional engagement through its academic programs, (such as teacher education, business, nursing and allied health, psychology, social work and public administration to name but a few), service-learning and volunteerism. A major focus of these programs is to work in full concert with regional authorities in developing and implementing ways of addressing these issues by serving as a discoverer of new knowledge, facilitator of open discussions and partner in implementing solutions.

Natural Environment

Issues related to the environment and natural surroundings, such as water quality, ecology, human behavior, health and the like, are complex and interdisciplinary, but essential for the survival of us all. Many academic programs at UNCW already have the natural environment as their primary focus, and many others provide support for them. For example, it is essential that students acquire the critical thinking skills necessary to inform themselves on issues concerning the environment, to articulate them clearly and fully grasp the ethical and moral implications of human action on the environment.

Information Technology

Understanding and being facile with the many forms of information technology has become essential for success. In our view, the best way to accomplish this is to fully integrate technology in the teaching-learning enterprise, which in turn will open new possibilities for building on the strength of UNCW's unique faculty-student partnership.

The Technology College, electronic library resources and department-based computing competencies provide the foundation for transforming the learning process. Well-designed and strategic use of technology will also provide ways for easing our space problems and enable our faculty, staff and students to work smarter, more effectively and more efficiently and improve our position in the higher education marketplace.

John C. Cavanaugh is UNCW's provost and vice chancellor for academic affairs.

Internationalization

Being in the city that has served for centuries as the chief port of North Carolina gives UNCW a window on the world. By embracing this history, UNCW can emerge as an institution that fosters an international perspective throughout the curriculum in two ways.

First, it means that UNCW looks throughout the world for the best ways of addressing the pressing problems in our region. This worldwide search will greatly enhance UNCW's ability to achieve its mission of regional engagement.

Second, it provides UNCW students the opportunity to broaden their experiences through a wide range of traditional study abroad and exchange programs, which also provide the opportunity for UNCW to host students and scholars from around the world.

Every department on campus has an important role to play in each of these themes. By making explicit connections with them, our students will have a much easier way of experiencing connections across disciplines and have a much richer understanding that no one discipline can provide all the knowledge necessary to understand an issue.

Finally, by having a relatively small set of academic themes, UNCW is in a much stronger position to identify what we stand for academically and to market our unique opportunities of study to both prospective students and key constituencies.

FAR TOO JONES
Rockin' on to fame

Far Too Jones band members are Scott MacConnell '93, Alan Callahan '92, Dave Dicke, Needham Park and Christopher Spruill '94. Band manager Kirk Thompson '92 is also a UNCW grad.

By Will Blount '00

Ever dream of being a rock star?

For Christopher Spruill '94, Scott MacConnell '93 and Alan Callahan '92, the dream is becoming a reality.

The three UNCW graduates are part of the rock band Far Too Jones. The band earned its name when a friend joked that the guys were far too jonesing (struggling, in layman's terms) for money — not too much of a stretch for most college students.

Currently based in Raleigh, the band got its start at UNCW in the early 1990s while Spruill was studying criminal justice and Callahan was juggling figures in accounting. Spruill could sing, and Callahan knew how to play acoustic guitar; soon the two began performing at parties. They were eventually joined by drummer MacConnell, an English major. By 1994, the band had officially formed with Kirk Thompson '92 as its manager.

The band played primarily at the Mad Monk, which according to Spruill was the premier music club in Wilmington from the late 1980s to the mid '90s. "Everyone went to the Mad Monk," Spruill said, noting that the downtown scene had not yet emerged.

Far Too Jones's first album was *Crawling Out from Under* and helped solidify a fan base and spread the band's name throughout the Southeast.

Far Too Jones' latest CD is Shame and Her Sister.

Maybe the most important thing to happen was having the program director at G-105 in Raleigh add the band's song "As Good As You" to heavy rotation. Sales of the band's CD immediately rose in the Triangle.

Far Too Jones was no longer an unknown.

The band capitalized on the abundance of airplay by constantly touring and continuing to sell more copies of *Crawling*. After successful regional sales figures, people in the music industry started to take notice of Far Too Jones. In April 1998 the band signed with Mammoth Records, a Carrboro-based record label.

Soon the band members found themselves in a Los Angeles recording studio. They collaborated with producer Gavin MacKillop, who worked with Toad the Wet Sprocket, to produce *Picture Postcard Walls* in 1998. The album utilizes various guitars and amplifiers to produce a sonically diverse group of songs.

Unfortunately, the band left Mammoth Records after the Disney Corporation bought the label and began making changes the members felt were not in the best interest of the band. Many of those who had worked with and believed in the band were no longer around. After finishing recording and mixing its new album, the band asked and was let out of its contract with Mammoth.

The album in question, *Shame and Her Sister*, was released Nov. 7 independently on the band's own label, Aszams Records and distributed nationally by Redeye Distribution. However, the band is not against major recording labels and even had discussions with several major recording labels before deciding to go the independent route.

Front man Spruill said, "We're really excited about putting this record out ourselves. That's how this band started in the first place, and it will be good to be able to control our career again.

"The songwriting approach was different for us on this album," he said "We came at it from a very personal and honest place this time. We didn't want to make the same record we made in *Picture Postcard Walls*, because we've moved forward from there, both personally and as a band, and I think this album really shows that."

In an on-line review, Andrew Ellis, PopMatters music critic, wrote, "*Shame And Her Sister* is an accomplished record from a talented band whose energy and delivery manages to separate them from the host of mundane bands populating this genre."

Spruill offers this advice for up-and-coming bands – "Keep writing, playing and releasing your own music. Work toward building a fan base. Record company executives are looking for a band that has proven itself."

Far Too Jones performs regularly in North and South Carolina. Upcoming are April 27 at Sundance in Columbia, April 28 at the Center City Fest in Charlotte, May 4 at Ziggy's in Winston-Salem, May 11 at KZL's Friday @ Five in Greensboro and May 12 at Lincoln Theatre in Raleigh. Chart their progress at their Website www.fartoojones.com.

Will Blount graduated in December 2000 with a bachelor's degree in communication studies.

Melton, Block honored at annual ceremony

Norm Melton '74 and Hannah S. Block were honored at homecoming with the 2001 UNCW Alumni Association awards.

Melton, who received the 2001 Alumnus of the Year Award, is a former alumni board of directors chair. He has been a marketing teacher and DECA advisor at North Brunswick High School since 1979. In that position he has received many local and state honors and has provided outstanding leadership to students involved in the DECA program, many of whom have gone on to win state and national competitions. The program itself has won numerous awards including the Governor's Award for Outstanding Volunteer Service for four years.

Melton

Melton is the driving force behind the annual North Brunswick High School and community effort to collect food and gifts for Thanksgiving food baskets and the Christmas angel tree program. Well-known for his caring and concern for students, especially those who are less fortunate, Melton has throughout the years "provided them with opportunities to succeed as students so they could succeed in the world of work," fellow teacher and alumnus Frank Bua '68 wrote in his nomination letter.

Melton has been active in the alumni association since 1984, serving in numerous volunteer leadership positions, including 1996-97 board chairman, when the association completed its $400,000 loan obligation for renovation to Wise Alumni House. He currently serves on the past chairman's committee.

Hannah Block was the recipient of the association's Distinguished Citizen of the Year Award. In his speech recognizing Block, Tyrone Rowell, senior associate vice chancellor for advancement at UNCW, said, "Her fingerprints can be found on almost every significant and positive movement this town has experienced for the past 65 years."

Photos by Frank Bua '68

Block

Her many accomplishments include being the first female head lifeguard on the N.C. coast at Carolina Beach during World War II. She was the first woman elected to the Wilmington City Council and, as mayor pro-tem 1961-63, traveled to New Jersey to accept the *USS North Carolina* on behalf of the city of Wilmington. She was Woman of the Year in 1953 and founder of the Azalea Festival patron's party and pageant. She served as American Legion Auxiliary president and as a member of the Thalian Association board of directors, Shaw-Speakes Center advisory board and New Hanover Regional Memorial Hospital Auxiliary.

"A woman of vision," Block, beginning in the mid-1960s, realized the importance of historic preservations and has since restored nine homes, Rowell noted.

Gift giving simplified

UNCW is now offering donors a quick and easy way to make a gift to the university with its new electronic funds transfer (EFT) charitable contribution program. Donors give the university authorization to deduct a designated amount from their bank account each month. The amount can be changed or the automatic bank draft can be canceled at anytime. More information can be obtained by contacting UNCW Advancement Services at 910.962.3593.

Herrett to lead board

Bill Herrett '87 was elected chair of the UNCW Alumni Association Board of Directors for 2001-2002. He will begin his term July 1.

Serving with him will be Ray Cockrell '88, '96M as vice chair; Nadine Batuyios '73 as secretary; and Ed Vosnock '71 as treasurer.

Morgan Harris '99 and Mike Wilson '89M who were alternates on the board will move to core board membership with three-year terms. Re-elected were Gia Todd Long '91 and Lee Pearson '70, along with Cockrell and Vosnock. Donis Noe '86, '94M, who was the Cameron School of Business chapter representative, was elected to the core board.

Re-elected to serve one-year terms as alternates were Joanie Axsom '91 and David Keifer '96. New alternates are Tish Brissette '75, Steve Hobbs '76, Amy Stuart '95, Mark Tyler '87 and Dru Farrar '73, a former board member and Cape Fear Alumni Chapter representative.

Benefits of being active

With a minimum contribution of $25 annually to the UNCW Alumni Association or Wise Alumni House, individuals receive an alumni card and decal, *UNCW Magazine*, 10 percent discount on non-sale items at the UNCW Bookstore, discounted basketball tickets, discounted movie tickets, discounted IBM computers, Randall Library card, basketball pregame socials, chapter events and reunions. Coming soon: permanent e-mail addresses.

IBM offers discount

IBM and the alumni association are joining together to offer a new benefit to active UNCW alumni.

All will be eligible to receive a five percent discount on IBM products, hardware and related software. Using an assigned key code, alumni can make their purchases by phone or over the Internet. There is a direct link to the site from the alumni association homepage, www.uncwil.edu/alumni.

The alumni association benefits from each purchase, receiving one percent of the revenue for its programs.

Alumni make homecoming successful

We've had a very exciting last few months with the highlight being homecoming. What a great success it was! Lunch at Wise Alumni House could not have been better, and the tour of the Center for Marine Science was an added plus. Over 400 people attended the dance featuring The Embers. Our '70s graduates came out as well as members of Delta Upsilon and Zeta Tau Alpha. Thank all of you for making homecoming such a memorable event.

Fancher '78

We honored Chancellor Leutze for his "dynamic decade" of service to the university. A framed limited edition print of the final battle at Fort Fisher, entitled "The Gunner and the Colonel" by Mort Kuntsler was presented to him to commemorate his achievement.

We've expanded our student programs. Freshmen received a water bottle at homecoming. We supported the discounted movie ticket program cosponsored by SGA and Human Resources as our sophomore gift. New this year was a business etiquette reception for junior class members at Wise House. And, we helped fund the graduation breakfasts.

One of my goals was to increase alumni involvement in charitable endeavors. Not only did we provide Thanksgiving baskets for the needy and angels for Boys and Girls Homes at Christmas, but we entered a team in the March of Dimes Walk at Greenfield Lake. It was great fun and all for a wonderful cause.

Where has this year gone? It seems like yesterday I began my term as board chair. Involvement with this organization has been very rewarding for me, and it is a great way to give back to the university. I encourage all alumni to stay in touch and get involved whenever and wherever you can. Thanks to all alumni for making this year such a success and showing that UNCW Alumni Rock!

Rebecca B Fancher '78

Members of Wilmington College 1946-1960 classes get together to reminisce and eat lunch 11:30 p.m. the third Wednesday of each month at Jackson's Big Oak Barbecue on Kerr Avenue, Wilmington. All who attended or graduated are welcome to attend; reservations are not needed. At a meeting this winter, Ron Phelps showed a video highlights of those class years during lunch at Whitey's.

Reunion planned for '46-'60 alumni

The *Henrietta III* will be the setting for upcoming reunion of all those who attended or graduated from Wilmington College between 1946 and 1960.

The dinner cruise is slated for Saturday, June 23. Boarding will begin at 6 p.m., and cruising time will be from 6:30 to 9:30 p.m. Participants will enjoy an elegant four-course meal. Lee Pearson '70 as DJ will provide musical entertainment.

The cost of the event is $25 a person.

Parking will be available on campus, and transportation to and from the *Henrietta III* will be provided by the Seahawk Shuttle.

Reservations for the reunion can be made by calling the alumni relations office at 910.962.2862 or 1.800.596.2880.

UNCW Alumni 'rocked the vote' in support of facilities bond

We "Rocked the Vote" on Nov. 7! I strongly believe our 20,000 North Carolina UNCW alumni made a huge difference in the passage of the largest higher education facilities bond EVER in the nation. Thank you for your support.

Smith '72

We appreciate your generous support of the association with your designated gifts. We need them annually to continue to serve students, alumni and the university in an effective way. Our Grand Alumni Champions, $1,000 donors to the association, have made a significant impact. We will continue to increase this roster of elite donors to better support our varied efforts.

Don't forget that June 30 is the end of our fiscal year, so please make your annual contribution soon so that our alumni participation rate will continue to rise. Last year alumni giving was almost 15 percent of solicitable alumni, and we are striving to improve this rate annually. By increasing the giving rate, we enhance our ability to attract gifts from foundations and rise in *U.S. News and World Report* rankings.

Tom Lamont, assistant director of alumni relations, is on board and working diligently to serve the needs of chapters, young alumni and the student ambassador program. He is your connection to those alumni programs and more, so please contact him.

Wise Alumni House continues to be in the limelight. It is a source of pride to our association, the university and the community. We were proud to be a part of the Azalea Festival home tour sponsored by the Historic Wilmington Foundation, Inc. The tour is the second largest fundraiser for the foundation, and we helped draw a crowd this year. The alumni house will also be a part of the 28th Old Wilmington by Candlelight tour Dec. 1 and 2. It is sponsored by the Lower Cape Fear Historical Society Inc.

I welcome your comments, concerns and ideas. UNCW is so special to us as alumni, and I thank you for caring enough to give back to one of the places that helped prepare you for life.

Patricia Corcoran Smith '72

Chapter News

AAGA

The African American Graduates Association (AAGA) met Jan. 27 during homecoming and elected new leadership: Wanda C. Corbin '87, president; Bob Claybrook '85, vice president; Jackie Beamon '85, secretary/treasurer; and Ophelia Anderson '87, corresponding secretary. Detra Daniels '89 and Lynne Wooten '90 will continue to serve as chapter representatives to the alumni board of directors. The chapter is committed to raising money and awareness for the Ralph Parker scholarship program. Linda MacRae '95 will serve as fund-raising liaison for this effort, and Malcolm Coley '86 will be instrumental in making this scholarship a reality for the chapter and the university.

During homecoming week, AAGA partnered with the Department of Psychology and the Office of Campus Diversity to host a reception for Dr. Carl Hart, professor of clinical neuroscience at Columbia University. Dr. Hart was a psychology student at UNCW.

AAGA is planning a reception for current African-American seniors this spring to connect these future alumni with current members of AAGA. For more information, contact Corbin at 804.535.8507 or by e-mail at george@visi.net or Claybrook at 910.395.7828 or by e-mail at bclayb1906@aol.com.

AAGA members gathered for their annual chopter meeting during hamecoming weekend.

Atlanta Alumni

On Feb. 17, Atlanta alumni joined seven UNCW staff members at Avanzare in the Hyatt Regency Hotel to enjoy Italian cuisine and lively discussion of their alma mater. Sharing of old times and new information such as the passage of the bond referendum were hot topics. What stood out most was their distinct love for UNCW. Door prizes and alumni giveaways were given to all who attended: Melissa Scheidel '00, Brent Fogleman '94, Elaine Paradise '92, Todd Olesiuk '99, Matt Shaw '92, Kathryn Little '99, Amanda Hiatt '98, Barbara Smith '77, Charles King '92, and Amy Glass '97. Todd Olesiuk '99 is eager to plan future gatherings for this loyal group of alumni.

Cameron School of Business Chapter

Cameron School of Business Chapter President Donis Noe '86, '94M was appointed by Larry Clark, the dean of the Cameron School of Business, to the Cameron School of Business Executive Advisory Board. Noe was also the keynote speaker at the school's December graduation. The chapter held its board meeting Jan. 13 at Wise Alumni House. Plans continue on the Life Long Learning Conference for fall, and the chapter is conducting a survey to gather input. Please visit the Cameron School of Business Website at www.csba.uncwil.edu for details. At the homecoming game, the chapter sponsored a halftime social which drew more than 40 alumni and faculty for fellowship, refreshments and door prizes. Dean Clark and Chris Clapp, the school's director of development, were introduced. Plans are underway for the chapter's annual summer picnic and concert at Hugh MacRae Park. Be on the lookout for information about this event. The chapter also supported this year's business week on campus March 21-22. Former N.C. Gov. Jim Martin was the keynote speaker.

UNCW alumni from the Atlanta area hod dinner with university representatives who were in town for the CASE District III conference. Among those who gathered at Avanzare were Todd Olesiuk '99 and Borbora Smith '77 and their guests.

The chapter is accepting nominations for next year's slate of officers. The board of directors met April 21 at Wise Alumni House to consider nominations and elect new officers.

Cameron School of Business alumni interested in participating in business alumni events or programs should contact Noe at msdonis@aol.com.

Cape Fear Chapter

The Cape Fear Alumni Chapter's annual golf tournament will be held May 18 at Castle Bay Country Club in Hampstead. Mark your calendar for this worthwhile event that raises money for alumni scholarships. Starting time will be 1 p.m. Watch the alumni Website – www.uncwil.edu/alumni – for details as they develop.

The chapter is gearing up for its annual Grand Slam Jam on May 10 when the Seahawk baseball team takes on the Pirates of East Carolina at Brooks Field. Join us for great college baseball action, fun and fellowship. The cookout begins at 6 p.m., and the game is at 7 p.m.

The chapter is also excited about Wilmington's new minor league baseball team, the Wilmington Waves, who will play their home games at Brooks Field. An alumni night with the Wilmington Waves has been scheduled for June 8 when the Waves host the Macon Braves.

The chapter hosted an alumni gathering at Alleigh's Restaurant in Wilmington to watch the CAA championship game as UNCW took on George Mason University. A great crowd of alumni cheered for the team in front of the big screen, and the chapter received great visibility from local television stations and newspaper which covered the event.

A group of Cape Fear area alumni participated in the March of Dimes Wilmington WalkAmerica 2001 around Greenfield Lake. This event gave alumni an opportunity to give back to their community and do it as a recognizable team.

The chapter also donated $250 to the UNCW Ambassadors to help defray costs associated with their annual convention. This year 17 student ambassadors traveled to the University of Kentucky for their convention. The chapter had

plans to have a team in this year's Ambassador-sponsored Oozeball (mud volleyball) competition April 21.

The chapter is on the move but needs your help. If you are an alumnus who lives in southeastern North Carolina, you are invited to be a part of the Cape Fear Alumni Chapter. Anyone interested in serving on the leadership board or who wants to know more about upcoming events can contact chapter president Caroline Corriher '97 at 397.0462 or send e-mail to caroline.corriher @wilm.ppdi.com.

Charlotte Chapter

The Charlotte Alumni Chapter needs our Queen City UNCW alumni to move the chapter forward. After a successful event at The Graduate in September, the chapter leadership continued to have a monthly get-together for area alumni. However, turnout was disappointing so the chapter plans to coordinate quarterly events for the rest of the year. Chapter representative Janet Bryant '97 and Keith Oliver '93 want to know what Charlotte alumni would like to see happen with the chapter. UNCW has many graduates in the area, but your help is needed for events and programs to succeed. A spring event is under consideration. If you would like to help Charlotte alumni stay connected with the university, please contact Bryant at 704.759.0493 or by e-mail at jbryant@hegk.com or call Tom Lamont, assistant director of alumni relations, at 1.800.596.2880 or e-mail lamontt@uncwil.edu.

Communication Studies Chapter

The Communication Studies Alumni Chapter efforts to raise more than $25,000 to endow the Betty Jo Welch Communication Studies Alumni Scholarship were recognized during the alumni association's Jan. 13 UNCW vs. ECU pregame social in the Hawk's Nest. Donors, family members and the first recipient of the scholarship – James Mendillo – were recognized. Chapter President Leigh Powell '96 thanked the Cape Fear Alumni Chapter who partnered with communication studies to make the scholarship a reality. The chapter unveiled a plaque, which will be displayed in the Communication Studies Department, to honor the memory of Betty Jo Welch and recognize scholarship recipients. After the big win over ECU, the chapter hosted a party for all communication studies graduates and friends of the department at the Warwick Center's Seahawk Grill. The Schoolboys, a band made up of mostly communication studies faculty, provided the entertainment for the 50 people who attended.

Chapter members plan to attend the department's senior banquet May 1 at the Madeline Suite. The chapter is also planning an event for the fall in conjunction with Communication Studies Department's move to the new classroom building.

Leigh Powell was instrumental in helping the association participate in the Brookhill Steeplechase on May 5. The association will have tent for communication studies, Cameron School of Business and Triangle area alumni.

Alumni interested in helping the Communication Studies Chapter should contact Powell at 919.782.6780 or send e-mail to powell2140@mindspring.com.

Virginia Alumni

Virginia-area alumni socialized March 2 at the Embassy Suites in Richmond to "kick-off" the CAA tournament and support the Seahawks. Erik Snyder '92, Robert Holley '98, Rebecca Astin '92, Jennifer Lee Matthews '91 and others gathered in the suite of Pat Smith '72, executive director of alumni relations, to build spirit prior to the tournament. Attendance of Virginia-area alumni was strong at both Seahawk games. We look forward to many more reunion times and thank UNCW alumni living in Virginia for making your state No. 3 in alumni giving across the country.

School of Nursing Chapter

The chapter is excited about the future of UNCW's School of Nursing. With support from Dean Virginia W. Adams and the UNCW Alumni Association, the Nursing Alumni Leadership Board is planning events, activities and service projects for the chapter. The chapter supports the school's outstanding Alumnus/Alumna Award, the annual Nurses Day Celebration on May 10 and the nursing school's graduation ceremony May 18. This year the chapter hopes to recognize UNCW nursing graduates who are employed at New Hanover Regional Medical Center. The leadership board is recruiting new members. Interested alumni can volunteer for the leadership board or to be a chapter member by contacting chapter representative Megan Parpart '98 at 919.286.9896 or by sending e-mail to mparpart@aol.com.

Triad Chapter

The sixth annual Jim Humphries Memorial Golf Tournament was held March 31 at Echo Farms Country Club in Wilmington. Thanks to Wes Ward '92 and the many others who made it possible to reach the $25,000 scholarship endowment for their beloved classmate and fraternity brother, Jim Humphries '90 who died July 3, 1995. In addition to the golf tournament, this year's event included a dinner at the Pilot House and an evening of entertainment and recognition at the Bellamy Mansion.

The Triad Chapter is seeking volunteers to work with Alumni Relations to create an active leadership board in the Triad Area. Interested alumni can contact the office at 910.962.2684, 800.596.2880 or send e-mail to lamontt@uncwil.edu.

Triangle Chapter

The Triangle Chapter's Carolina Hurricanes hockey event at the Entertainment and Sports Arena on Oct. 27 was a great success. Around 100 alumni and guests enjoyed fellowship, fun, door prizes and UNCW alumni freebies. Since that time, chapter representative Lloyd Hinnant '88 has met with chapter leadership to discuss a community service project and a fund-raising event to give back to the university. The chapter also gathered Triangle alumni at Playmakers in March to watch the CAA basketball championship game between UNCW and George Mason. The Triangle Chapter hosted its annual Durham Bulls Minor League Baseball event April 22. About 75 people enjoyed food, fun and fellowship at the cookout before the game against the Mud Hens.

Special thanks to Meghan McCleery for her hard work on the Brookhill Steeplechase event on May 5.

If you would like to be a part of the chapter, please contact Lloyd Hinnant at 919.460.0200 or send e-mail to lloyd.hinnant @sprintmail.com.

Watson School of Education Chapter

The chapter held its annual meeting and brunch Oct. 21 at the home of Janis Norris '81 to discuss plans and activities. The chapter is planning a round table discussion on interviewing techniques with current seniors. The chapter also plans to present two $500 scholarships in May at the Watson School of Education picnic. The next meeting will be held in May at Wise Alumni House. Watson School of Education alumni who would like to know more about the chapter and participate in its activities should contact chapter representative Diane Evers '81 at 910.791.6989 or send e-mail to beachinevers @aol.com.

For more information about chapter progroms contact Tom Lamont at lomontt@uncwil.edu or 800.596.2880.

AlumNotes

50s

Robert Warwick '55 of Wilmington received the 2000 Charles C. Chadbourn Award for Service to the Community from the Wilmington Kiwanis Club. A club member since 1964, he is a former member of the UNCW Foundation and chairman of the UNCW Board of Trustees. He currently serves on the UNC Board of Governors and is a CPA with McGladrey and Pullen.

Warwick

60s

Anne McCrary Sullivan '68 of Bermuda Bay Beach, Fla., had her article "Notes from a Marine Biologist's Daughter: On the Art & Science of Attention" published in the summer 2000 issue of *Harvard Educational Review*. The marine biologist she refers to is Dr. Anne B. McCrary, a retired UNCW faculty member who is a Wilmington College graduate. Sullivan is an associate professor at National-Louis University in Tampa, Fla.

70s

Susan Taylor Block of Wilmington had her coffee table book *Wilmington Through the Lens of Louise T. Moore* published by the Lower Cape Fear Historical Society. It contains text that illustrates almost 300 panoramic shorts of Wilmington taken during the 1920s and 1930s.

Tyson

An attorney with Tyson and Associates in Fayetteville, **John M. Tyson '74** was sworn in as a N.C. Court of Appeals judge in January 2001 at Campbell University. His oldest son **Jason Tyson '00** is the third generation graduate of UNCW, following in the footsteps of his mother, the former **Kirby Thomason '77**, and his grandfather, **Raymond B. Thomason**. Mrs. Tyson is a law office administrator with her husband's firm. The couple has four children, including Jason.

Kenneth Bland '75 is an enterprise resource planning systems integration consultant specializing in Oracle applications for medium-sized businesses employed by ThinkSpark Consultants. He and his wife Cindy and twins, Mitchell and Neal, reside in Evergreen, Colo.

Cecil R. Reynolds '75 of Bastrop, Texas, is the youngest recipient of the National Academy of Neuropsychology Distinguished Clinical Neuropsychologist Award. The award is presented to scholarly researchers who have made significant contributions in their field. Reynolds is the author of more than 300 scholarly publications and author or editor of 34 books. He is a professor in the College of Education at Texas A&M University.

Mike McGuinness '79 was a nationally certified as a civil trial advocate by the National Board of Trial Advocacy. He practices employment, civil rights, personal injury and related litigation from his offices in Elizabethtown and Washington, D.C.

80s

Leslie Stewart Hobbs '83 of Clinton received a doctor of education degree from UNC Greensboro. Her thesis was "The Legal Aspects of Religion in American Public Schools from 1990 Through 1999."

Ashley McCumber '84 is senior director of institutional advancement of the Unitarian Universalist Service Committee, an international human rights organization based in Cambridge, Mass.

McCumber

Marlene Moyer '85 is the executive director of the Carousel Center in Wilmington.

Paul McCombie '86 is Wachovia Bank's city executive for Wilmington.

Ben Thigpen '86 is a North Carolina Principal Fellow at NC State University. He is an assistant principal with Duplin County Schools and resides in Beulaville.

Vicki C. Godbold '87 is a vice president with First Citizens Bank in Raleigh and manager of its Human Resources Service Center.

Christopher H. Rouse '87 is a mortgage loan originator with the Wilmington Long Leaf office of Cooperative Bank. He and his wife Judy have two daughters and reside in Wilmington.

Samer A. Hamad '88 of Rocky Mount is serving on the Morehead City advisory board of Wachovia Bank. He is president and owner of Budget Inn in Atlantic Beach, president of Belal Inc. and president of Smz Inc.

Julia Boseman '89 of Wilmington, who was elected to the New Hanover County Board of Commissioners in November 2000, was appointed to the Cape Fear Coast Convention and Visitors Bureau Board of Directors. She also serves on the Girls Inc. Board of Trustees and the Seahawk Club Board of Directors and is the cofounder of the Harbor Foundation.

Baseman

Kevin T. Colaner '89 of Mission Viejo, Calif., is a court-appointed special advocate working with children in the family courts. He is the director of honors and scholars support services at California State University in Fullerton, Calif.

90s

Amy M. Harrell '90 is an assistant solicitor for the Ninth Judicial Circuit in Charleston, S.C.

Melissa Loveless Barton '91 is the controller in the corporate office of Youngblood Staffing. She resides in Wilmington with her husband Eric.

Rebecca "Bekki" Bennett '91 of Cary is the founder and president of Executive Events, a meeting management company aimed primarily at the technology industries.

Paul D. Knott '91, a portfolio manager and financial consultant with Salomon Smith Barney, earned the certified financial planner designation from the Certified Financial Planner Board of Standards.

Helen Ward Stevens '91M is a vice president with Carolina First Bank where she is a commercial loan officer based in Wilmington.

Daniel Cain '92 is vice president at First Citizens Bank in Raleigh where he is a business loan underwriter. He resides in Garner.

Cain

Todd R. Barber '93 of Wrightsville Beach is an investment manager with the Wilmington-based Coastal Discount Stockbrokers.

Sgt. **James Gaskill '93** made headlines in the March 7 issue of the *Carteret County News Times* when he saved the life of a 15-year-old girl who was injured when the car she was riding in overturned and rolled on top of her in a water-filled ditch. He assisted in freeing her from the car and resuscitating her before emergency services arrived at the scene.

Jay Poole '93 coordinates the UNCW sports Website on the Rivals.com network. Based in Washington, the network features more than 600 sites covering sports and recruiting topics. The address for Seahawk sports news is www.uncwilmington.rivals.com.

Marcia Garcia Tabor '93, '97M is an English instructor at Hartnell College in Salinas, Calif. She edits the literary journal, *The Homestead Review*, and is a published poet with her work appearing in *LUNA*, *The Cold Mountain Review*, *The Maryland Poetry Review*, *Cipactli*, *Pennsylvania English*, *Dream International Quarterly*, *The Café Review* and *el Andar*.

Bennie Hill '94 won two awards in a Wilmington music poll by *The Beat* magazine. The awards, voted on by local media, were for best local jazz band and best locally produced CD, The Benny Hill Quartet.

James P. Novak '94 is pursuing a Ph.D. in chemistry at NC State University. He and his wife Margaret Clark-Novak '94 reside in Raleigh.

Heather Petroff '94 of Broadview, Ohio, was dubbed the "fittest person in Broadview Heights" by the *Broadview Journal*. The 28-year-old placed first in her age group and second overall in the Rock and Roll Triathlon Olympic Distance Race in September. She is in her second year of dental school at Case Western Reserve. She plans to compete in the nationals at St. Joseph, Mo., in the fall.

Barry Buchanan '95 was elected vice president of First Citizens Bank in Highlands where he is a financial services manager.

Buchanan

Anderson Page '95 teaches at Walter State Community College.

Samantha Paschall-Thomas '96, a court counselor with the N.C. Department of Juvenile Justice, was named Rookie of the Year by the N.C. Association of Community Alternatives for Youth at the annual conference of the N.C. Department of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention. She and her husband Joseph reside in Durham.

Brian R. Bullard '97 earned a master's degree in business administration with a concentration in health care administration in May 2000 at East Carolina University. He is pursuing a master's in public health at George Washington University Medical Center and is a congressional fellow in the U.S. House

of Representatives assisting Rep. Charlie W. Norwood Jr. with health care initiatives and helping to draft legislation.

Lamont Franklin '97 is an assistant coach at Mt. St. Mary's College in Emmittsburg, Md.

Christi M. Hazel '97 of Cary is an assistant vice president for First Citizens Bank in Raleigh. She is the manager of development programs in the corporate education department.

William B. Hurd '97 of Alexandria, Va., is the public relations director for the Capitol Steps, a musical political satire group based in Washington, D.C. Following a successful off-Broadway run in New York, he performs Saturdays at the Ronald Reagan Building in Washington, D.C.

Melissa Shaw '97 of Monticello, Wisc., is an account manager/copywriter for the School Renaissance Institute in Madison, Wisc.

Amy Upchurch '97 is enrolled in the Duke University physician's assistant program.

David Beauchamp '98 of Wilmington had his first novel, *Confessions*, published in 2000. He received the Editor's Choice Award for his poem "I Walk" contained in the anthology *Dreams of Enchantment*. He is currently working on his second novel, *Perspectives*.

Melissa Hogan Hill '98 teaches K-5 special education in Wake County Public Schools. **Channing B. Hill '97** is an enterprise management systems analyst with BB&T. They reside in Benson.

Ken McCrery '98 is a Web developer for WRAL OnLine.

Shannon Corbin Mickle '98 was promoted to brand specialist with Bank of America Brand Identity Team. She and her husband Scott '98 reside in Fort Mill, S.C. Scott is director of marketing and business development with Stewart Cooper Newell Architects.

Y2K was good for **John L. Morton II '98, '99** who passed his CPA exam, married **Emily E. Denniston '98** on June 24 and bought a house in Raleigh. He is a staff with Koonce, Wooten & Haywood LLP. Emily handles member services for the State Employees Credit Union.

James Zeke Pittard '98 graduated from the University of Miami School of Law earning a juris doctorate with an international law emphasis. He is enrolled in the U.S. Army Officer Candidate School and resides in Miami.

Alex L. Silva '98 attended a 10-month, intensive yacht design program at The Landing School in Kennebunkport, Maine. He and his wife, Buffie, live in East Providence, R.I., where he is furthering his skills needed to design and build high-speed, ocean-racing sailboats. He is employed by Goetz Custom Sailboats as a design liaison.

Chandra M. Allen '99 was promoted to account coordinator for Merritt Groups Inc. in Vienna, Va. She resides in Falls Church, Va.

Jennifer R. Barnard '99 is a caseworker with the Cumberland County Department of Social Services in Fayetteville.

Katrin Hull '99, '00M earned the silver medal for scoring second highest on the state certified public accountant's exam. Her score was among the top 120 in the nation. She is employed by KPMG accounting firm in Raleigh.

David Lewis '99 is pursuing a graduate degree in jazz studies at the University of Maryland.

00s

L. Shane Fernando '00 is working as special assistant to Sen. Jesse Helms in Washington, D.C.

Bridgid Rathgeb '00 placed third in the college division on Minnesota's National Association of Teachers singing competition. She is a master's candidate in vocal performance at the University of Minnesota.

Charlene Rose '00 of Wrightsville Beach is a sales representative for Utility Management Inc.

Thad Scarborough '00 is a sales representative with Utility Management Inc.

Gary Scott Watson '00 is pursuing a Ph.D. in physics at Brown University. **Kara Watson '99** is a legal assistant with Boyajian, Harrington, Richardson, Attorneys at Law in Providence, R.I., and taking classes at Brown University.

Weddings

Nelson MacRae '85 and Elizabeth D. White on Sept. 16, 2000. Nelson is the president of Oleander Company. The couple resides in Wilmington.

Cyrus W. Huneycutt '87 and Molly McCain on May 13, 2000. Cyrus is senior systems engineer for Aon Consulting in Greensboro where the couple resides.

Stanley W. Crowder '88 and **Jane R. Honeycutt '97** on July 16, 2000. Stanley is employed by the U.S. Department of the Treasury. The couple resides in Weston, Fla.

Nick J. Patsalos '91 and Joyce Kaprantzas on July 15, 2000. The couple resides in Wilmington.

C. David Futch '92 and **Katherine DePew Bush '94** on Aug. 12, 2000. David is a production supervisor with South Atlantic Services Inc., and Kathy is a general services audit supervisor with McGladrey and Pullen. They reside in Wilmington.

Mary R. Bunch '93 and Tony L. Watson on Nov. 18, 2000. They reside in Wilmington.

W. Reid Fady '93 and Dana Morgan on March 6, 2000. The couple resides on a horse ranch in Celina, Texas, where Reid trains quarterhorses for the Rockin' K Ranch.

Bradford L. Marshburn '93 and Laura W. Garrett on Oct. 7, 2000. Brad is a pharmacist with Eckerd Drugs. The couple resides in Raleigh.

Chad I. Ayers '94 and **Sheri M. North '98** on Nov. 11, 2000. Sheri is a registered nurse, and Chad is a paramedic. Both work for New Hanover Regional Medical Center.

Lori Gillette '94 and **Darin Stafford '94** on Aug. 19, 2000. Lori is an account executive with WECT-TV 6, and Darin is a CPA with Henderson, Foltz and Company in Wilmington.

Richard C. McQueen '94 and **Laura M. Fisher '97** on Aug. 12, 2000. Richard is an administrative supervisor at New Hanover Regional Medical Center, and Laura is a registered nurse in the Surgical Trauma Intensive Care Unit at the medical center. They reside in Wilmington.

Jeremy D. Phillips '94 and Michelle L. Phelps on Nov. 11, 2000. Jeremy is employed with Wilmington Industrial Development. Officiating at the ceremony was former UNCW professor Gerald Shinn of Albemarle.

Stephanie S. DeLuise '95, '99M and **Timothy M. Johnson Jr. '96** on Sept. 9, 2000. Stephanie is a unit manager with Bank of America, and Timothy is a project manager with Trammell Crow Company in Charlotte where they reside.

Amy Elmore '95 and Jason L. Roberson in May 21, 2000. The couple resides in Mt. Olive.

Sharon E. Lanier '95 and Carl W. Craven II on Sept. 30, 2000. She is a probation parole officer with the N.C. Division of Community Corrections. They reside in Hampstead.

John F. Madigan '95 and **Heather J. D'Keeffe '97** on Nov. 4, 2000. John is a sales representative with U.S. Food Services, and Heather is the manager and buyer for Monkee's Fine Shoes and Accessories in Wilmington.

Cindy A. Morton '95 and **William N. Rose III '95** on Aug. 12, 2000. William is pastor of Advent Lutheran Church in Boca Raton. The couple resides in Delray Beach, Fla.

Tyese M. Scott '95 and **Jerry L. Oates '95** on June 10, 2000. Tyese is assistant principal at Johnson Elementary School, and Jerry is assistant principal at New Hanover High School. The couple resides in Wilmington.

Rick Stinson '95 and **Tiffani C. Payne '99** on April 29, 2000. The couple resides in Wilmington.

Jon B. Bowen '96 and Alice H. Murray on Aug. 20, 2000. Jon attends medical school at the American University of the Caribbean in St. Maarten, Netherlands Antilles where he and his wife reside.

Elizabeth L. Cooke '96, '97M and **Anthony E. Integlia '96** on Nov. 11, 2000. Elizabeth is an auditor with the Office of Inspector General in the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services. Anthony is an assistant vice president in the Asset Management Department for BB&T. They reside in Raleigh.

Lisa O. Davis '96 and Edward M. Hill on Nov. 18, 2000. Lisa is financial center manager/assistant vice

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Ganan Baker '95 is playing professional basketball with a team in Iceland. He was previously assistant basketball coach at Coastal Caralina University. He married Heidi Knatts an July 8, 2000. They reside in Thorlakshofn, Iceland.

president and business banker with BB&T. The couple resides in Asheville.

Kaysha L. Hansard '96 and Robert Dawkins Jr. on Feb. 10, 2001. Kaysha is a software engineer with Premier Inc. The couple resides in Charlotte.

Williams B. Lynch '96, '00M and **Mariah E. Gerow '98** on Feb. 23, 2001. Williams is employed by Guaranteed Supply Company, and Mariah is employed by Brame. They reside in Wilmington.

Lisa D. Troutman '96 and Brian E. Edes on July 22, 2000. Lisa works for Delta Airlines and resides with her husband in Wilmington.

Elizabeth A. Williams '96 and David E. Humes on Oct. 21, 2000. The couple resides in Chapel Hill.

Heather M. Bartolini '97 and Scott D. Lee on May 7, 2000. Heather is the marketing manager for HomeLink Services, Inc. The couple resides in Monroe, Conn.

Christen C. Conner '97 and Jeffrey S. Neeley on March 10, 2001. Christen teaches at Williston Middle School in Wilmington. The couple resides in Wilmington.

Jennifer L. McDowell '97 and **Daniel J. Langley '99** on Sept. 16, 2000. Jennifer is a computer engineer with Corning Inc., and Daniel is a sales and service specialist with Central Carolina Bank. The couple resides in Wilmington.

Leslie B. Todd '97 and Elizabeth A. Peay on Feb. 24, 2001. They reside in Wilmington.

Alison E. Rinehardt '97 and Ashley H. Patterson on Sept. 9, 2000. Alison is a registered nurse at the North Carolina Baptist Hospital in Winston-Salem. The couple resides in High Point.

Hollie M. Boone '98 and Christopher S. Humphreys on Aug. 26, 2000. Hollie is a kindergarten teacher with the Pender County Schools. The couple resides in Wilmington.

Kimberly D. Fullwood '98, '00M and Lewis W. Vaught on July 15, 2000. Kimberly is employed with the Charlotte Mecklenburg School System. The couple resides in Charlotte.

Patricia B. Garcia '98 and James W. Goddard on Aug. 6, 2000. They reside in Chicago.

Jackson L. Norvell '98 and **Christina G. Peck '99** on Nov. 18, 2000. Christina teaches second grade in New Hanover County, and Jackson teaches middle school band in Pender County. They reside in Wilmington.

Jeffrey L. Simon '98 and Denise S. Strandskov on Oct. 15, 2000. Jeff is employed by Visionsaire Inc. in Wilmington.

Andrea V. Anderson '99 and **Kevin O. Gilbert '00** on May 20, 2000. The couple resides in Denver, Colo.

Heidi B. Lindsay '99 and Edward Chiu on July 15, 2000. Heidi is the assistant director of student activities for performing arts at St. John's University and is pursuing a master's degree in higher education student development. She and her husband reside in Glen Cove, N.Y.

Amber Ingle '99 and **Jonathan Overton '99** on April 8, 2000. Amber is a human resource representative with Trans Union, and Jonathan is a regional brand analyst with General Motors. The couple resides in Kennesaw, Ga.

William H. Richards '99 and Heather K. Boyle on Oct. 21, 2000. The couple resides in Wilmington.

Rachel A. Smith '99 and William B. Jones on Oct. 14, 2000. Rachel is a research assistant for Coastal AHEC, and William is a general contractor. They reside in Kure Beach.

Mary Elizabeth Stokes '99 and James K. Weaver on Feb. 3, 2001. Mary Elizabeth is pharmaceutical sales representative with Lincare in Wilmington.

Lindsey A. Thompson '99 and **Jason J. Souza '99** on Aug. 26, 2000. Lindsey is a computer support professional with Reeds Jewelers, and Jason is a research technician with UNCW. The couple resides in Wilmington.

Elizabeth Fugate '00 and **Ben Whitlock '00** on June 3, 2000. Elizabeth is a graduate student in the UNCW gerontology program, and Ben is employed by Belk. They reside in Wilmington.

Rebecca C. Johnston '00 and Jonathan P. Miller on Dec. 30, 2000. They reside in Enola, Pa.

Lamont named assistant director

Former alumni board chairman, Tom Lamont '80 was named assistant director of alumni relations in October. His responsibilities include advising the student Ambassadors (UNCW's student alumni organization); creating a young alumni program and establishing a Young Alumni Council; guiding and directing the leadership of the 11 alumni chapters; helping to foster a student development program and assisting the director with special events.

Births

To **Jeff Allsbrook '85** and his wife Tricia, a son, Zachariah Thomas, on Nov. 25, 2000. Jeff is a sergeant with the Wilmington Police Department.

To **Kirsten Westfall Fryling '85** and her husband Stephen, a daughter Kaia Savannah, on May 31, 2000. Kirsten is a social worker at York Hospital. The Frylings reside in York Beach, Maine.

To **James "Chip" Robinson '85** and his wife Robin, a daughter, Wallace Katherine McLean, on Aug. 5, 2000. Chip is the owner/president of Clear Springs Inc. in Wilmington.

To **Allison Murphy Cavenaugh '88** and her husband Billy, twins, Joshua Blake and William Chase, on Jan. 19, 1999. The Cavenaughs reside in Wallace.

To **Karen Foye Murray '89** and her husband John, a daughter, Meredith, on May 23, 2000. Karen is a marketing coordinator for SunTrust Bank in Atlanta, Ga.

To **Daniel E. Schweikert '89** and his wife Sarah, a son, Matthew Barrett, on Nov. 25, 2000. He joins Jessica, 4. Daniel is a senior software engineer with IBM Corp. in Research Triangle Park. The family resides in Franklinton.

To **Kelly Rodney Bradshaw '90** and her husband Craig, a daughter, Taylor Ashley, on Oct. 6, 2000. Kelly is an electronic drug delivery specialist with Abbott Laboratories. The Bradshaws reside in Chino Hills, Calif.

To **Paula Edwards Ayscue '91** and her husband Scott, a daughter, Riggan Grace, on Nov. 28, 2000. They reside in Charlotte.

To **William '92** and **Barri Smith Piner '94**, a daughter, McCartney Kate, on Aug. 30, 2000. Barri is a lecturer in the East Carolina University English Department, and William is a commercial real estate appraiser and salesman in Greenville.

To **Charla Ann Eley Conners '93** and husband Brett, a son, Chas Andrew, on Aug. 11, 2000.

To **Kimberly Howard Hlavac '93** and her husband Arthur, a daughter, Rebekah Elizabeth, on Sept. 2, 2000.

To **Lisa Petroski McCool '93** and her husband Gerard, a son, Bryce Alexander, on Sept. 19, 2000. Lisa is a fourth grade teacher in Fayette County, Ga. The McCools reside in Newman, Ga.

To **Kyle Robinson '93** and his wife Kelly, a son, James Monroe, on April 20, 2000. Kyle is the lead recreation therapist at Catawba Memorial Hospital. The Robinsons reside in Statesville.

To **Murray R. Smith '93** and his wife Tetsuko, a daughter, Karen Uehira, on Dec. 1, 2000. Murray is a senior software engineer with DataCore Software in Durham.

To **Christy Short Stocks '93** and her husband Jeffrey, a daughter, Jennifer Bailey, on June 12, 2000. Christy is vice president of Short Brothers Auto Sales in Whiteville.

To **Leslie Clodfelter Aycock '95** and her husband Duana, a daughter, Alyssa Shae, on Oct. 26, 2000. Leslie is an accounting supervisor with the N.C. Department of Health and Human Services. The Aycocks reside in Raleigh.

To **Eric '94** and **Nikki Ridgway Levin '96**, a son, Abe Hallman, on April 30, 2000.

To **Brad '96** and **Christie Webster Heath '96**, a daughter, Haley Elizabeth, on Jan. 12, 2001. Brad is the president and owner of Carolina Gleaners Inc. in Dunn.

To **Quantonya Diggs Saint-Louis '96** and her husband Bellande, a son, Cameron, on April 20, 2000. Quantonya is a computer teacher at Life Christian School. The family resides in Florissant, Mo.

To **Jason '97** and **Stephanie Wood Reich '96**, a son, Coleman Paul, on Sept. 14, 2000.

To **Angela Englebert Peterson '97** and her husband Mark, a son, Jared Ryan, on Nov. 30, 2000. They reside in Castle Hayne.

To **Jennifer Gautreau Register '97** and her husband Matthew, a daughter, Madison Evans, on Sept. 16, 1999. Jennifer is the office manager at Creative Child Care Solutions Inc. in Wilmington.

To **Christie Hale Tisinger '97** and her husband James, a son, Benjamin Thomas, on March 23, 2000. Christie is a teacher with Brunswick County Schools.

To **Felicia Ward McPherson '98** and her husband Jody, a son, Huntington Chase, June 13, 2000. Felicia is a sixth grade math teacher at Noble Middle School. The McPhersons reside in Wilmington.

To **Kristy Oakley Black '99** and her husband Brian, a daughter, Camryn Alysse, on Feb. 25, 2000. Kristy is a research technician at Duke University Medical Center. The Blacks reside in Timberlake.

Deaths

Michael Coleman '73 of Chattanooga, Tenn., on Dec. 2, 2000.

Cynthia Brown Mucci '81 of Jessup, Md., on Feb. 15, 2001.

Karen A. Tomosunas '84 of Watha on Jan. 27, 2001.

Allen L. Henderson '94 of Wilmington on Jan. 27, 2001.

Calendar

University & Alumni

UNIVERSITY OF NORTH CAROLINA AT WILMINGTON

April

21 Oozeball
Cape Fear Chapter vs Ambassadors

21 Cameron School of Business Chapter
9 a.m. Meeting, Wise Alumni House

22 Durham Bulls Game
Triangle Alumni Chapter
4 p.m. Picnic, 5 p.m. Game

28 Young Alumni Council
9 a.m. Meeting, Wise Alumni House
Noon Luncheon

Wilmington Symphony Orchestra with John Salmon, pianist
8 p.m. Kenon Auditorium

May

1 Past Alumni Chairs' Council
6 p.m. Wise Alumni House

2 Last Day of Classes

5 Alumni Board of Directors
9 a.m. Meeting, Wise Alumni House

5 Triangle Alumni Chapter
Brookhill Steeplechase
Gates open at 11 a.m.

10 Grand Slam Jam

UNCW vs ECU @ Brooks Field
Cape Feor Alumni Chapter
6 p.m. Picnic, 7 p.m. Game

Spring Semester Ends

11 Reception for NHRMC Nurses
Hosted by School of Nursing Alumni Chapter

12 School of Nursing Alumni Chapter Luncheon
Noon, University Union Glassroom

14 UNCW Summer Hours Begin

15 Strategies for Career Success
Young Alumni Program
6:30 p.m. Wise Alumni House

17 Senior Reception
Sponsored by AAGA
7 p.m. Wise Alumni House

Summer Session I Begins

18 Cape Fear Alumni Golf Tournament
1:30 p.m. Castle Boy Golf Course, Hampstead

19 Commencement

28 Memorial Day Holiday
UNCW Offices Closed

June

8 UNCW Alumni Night at Wilmington Waves
7:05 p.m. Brooks Field

20 Summer Session I Term Ends

23 1946-1960 Wilmington College Class Reunion
The Henrietta III
6 p.m. Boarding

25 Summer Session II Begins

July

4 Independence Day Holiday
UNCW Offices Closed

12 New Alumni Board Member Orientation
6 p.m. Wise Alumni House

19-20 UNCW Trustees Meetings

27 Summer Session II Term Ends

31 Past Alumni Chairs' Council
6 p.m. Wise Alumni House

August

4 Alumni Board of Directors
8:30 a.m. Meeting Wise Alumni House

13 UNCW Summer Hours End

18 Freshman Move-In

21 Convocation

22 Fall Classes Begin

September

3 Labor Day Holiday
UNCW Offices Closed

28-30 Family Weekend

October

6-7 Riverfest

11-14 Fall Break

18-19 UNCW Board of Trustees Meetings

30 Past Alumni Chairs' Council
6 p.m. Wise Alumni House

November

2-4 Alumni Board Retreat

6 Election Day

6 Wilmington Concert Association
San Francisco Western Opero Theotre

22-23 Thanksgiving Holiday
UNCW Offices Closed

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Michael Jordan wowed the crowd in UNCW's Trask Coliseum when he made his big comeback to professional men's basketball during the Washington Wizards' training camp held on campus in October.

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UNCW makes the grade

. . . in national rankings

For the fourth consecutive year, UNC Wilmington ranked among the top 10 public universities in the South.

The rankings are developed by *U. S. News & World Report* which annually surveys approximately 1,400 public and private universities and colleges across the country.

Among the public universities in the South, UNCW ranked seventh behind James Madison University, The Citadel, Appalachian State University, College of Charleston, Murray State University and UNC Charlotte.

Among both public and private institutions in the South, UNCW was number 22 out of 130 institutions.

The ranking system is based on seven categories: academic reputation, graduation and student retention rates, faculty resources, student selectivity, financial resources and alumni giving.

. . . in freshman class stats

UNCW's reputation for academic excellence continues to improve as it becomes the university of choice for more and more high school students. Although fewer students applied and were accepted this year than last, the number who actually enrolled rose. This year's enrollment is nearly 10,600 students. Among the 2,001 freshmen in this fall's class, the average SAT score was 1091 and their average GPA was 3.49.

. . . in business

Cameron School of Business degree programs were reaccredited this summer by the Association to Advance Collegiate Schools of Business.

Of the nation's 1,200 business schools, about one-third are accredited by AACSB. The process involved an extensive self-evaluation of the program's mission, curriculum, degree requirements, faculty resources and performance, student resources, student placement and technology.

"Our achievement of reaccreditation with AACSB is primarily the result of the hard work and dedication of our outstanding faculty," said Dean Larry Clark. "It is the faculty that assures the quality of the programs, attracts outstanding students and sustains the expectations of overall high quality of education that is necessary for AACSB."

. . . in recreation

UNCW is the best university on the East Coast to achieve "surfing fulfillment" according to Swell.com's national rankings.

Referred to as the "mid-Atlantic surfing's most-happening epicenter," UNCW "has everything – a beach, a killer downtown, an artsy side, dance clubs, and a large group of young people," according to one source.

Surfing professors who were recognized were John Bennett, physical education; Bill Atwell, English; and Wade Watanabe, mariculture.

Noted surfing alumni according to Swell.com include Matt Beacham '00, Matt Pruett '00, Anne Beasley '96, Dean '92 and Pat '97 McManus, Tony Butler '97 and Cameron Pearson '00.

The article notes that UNCW has "outgrown its party reputation," that admission is competitive and the marine biology department is "world renowned."

UNCW also got a good review in the Autumn 2001 issue of *Surfer* magazine.

Gerard gets top honors for teaching

Awards for faculty scholarship were presented to Robert J. Kieber Jr., chemistry professor, and D. Ann Pabst, biological sciences associate professor.

Philip Gerard, who was instrumental in the establishment of the Master of Fine Arts Degree in 1996, was awarded the UNCW Board of Trustees Teaching Excellence Award in recognition of his contributions to higher education through dedication and service to students.

He was also one of three faculty to receive the Distinguished Teaching Professorship. The others were Janet M. Ellerby, associate English professor, and Sherrill V. Martin, music professor. This award recognizes faculty who make outstanding contributions to teaching and comes with a three-year $5,000 stipend.

Awards for faculty scholarship were presented to Robert J. Kieber Jr., chemistry professor, and D. Ann Pabst, biological sciences associate professor. These awards recognize faculty for their commitment to scholarship, research and creativity.

Richard M. Dillaman, biological sciences professor, received the Graduate Mentor Award, recognizing him for excellent teaching at the graduate level and his record of mentoring students who earned master's degrees.

Chancellor's Teaching Excellence Awards were awarded to: Sally P. Cummings, associate professor, School of Nursing; Michael D. White, creative writing associate professor; L. Drew Rosen, information systems and operations management associate professor; William J. Bolduc, communication studies associate professor; and Martin.

Graduate Teaching Excellence Awards went to Thomas B. O'Shaughnessy, earth sciences; Lauren S. Blanchard, English; Patricia M. Croker, English; Kathryn A. Hayslett, education; Vicki S. Stegall, biological sciences; and Mark V. Wainright, chemistry.

Four new trustees appointed

Charles Evans, Lee Garrett, Harry Payne and Linda Upperman Smith have joined the UNCW Board of Trustees.

Evans is a former state legislator and member of the UNC Board of Governors. He is a resident of Manteo.

Garrett, who attended UNCW in 1975 and 1976, is a mother of four who lives in Wilmington.

Payne, a native of Wilmington whose father also served the university as a trustee, is a former state legislator and secretary of the N.C. Department of Labor.

Smith, a Wilmington resident, served on the UNCW Foundation Board from 1999 to 2001, is chair of "Stompin' at the Savoy," an annual fundraiser held to increase minority presence on campus and was interim director of the UNCW Office of Minority Affairs.

Broad, Basnight recognized with Razor Walker awards

UNC President Molly Broad and N.C. Sen. Marc Basnight were among the 10 honored with the 2001 Razor Walker Award presented by the Donald R. Watson School of Education.

The award, recognized as one of the state's most prestigious and unique service awards, is presented annually to individuals who have had a significant impact on the lives and the education of children in North Carolina.

Other award winners were:

- Bobby Brayboy of Oak Island, Southport Elementary School counselor.
- Gary Chadwick '69 of Wilmington, Wilmington executive.
- John N. Dornan of Raleigh, president and executive director of the N.C. Public School Forum.
- Andrew C. Phillips of Wilmington, former state superintendent of schools.
- Jan Lewis of Wilmington, Pender County Schools volunteer.
- Joyce Huguelet of Wilmington, principal of Winter Park Model Elementary School.
- Bertha Todd of Wilmington, 30-year New Hanover County Schools administrator.
- First Union Bank of Wilmington, corporate recipient.

Campus building boom will begin this spring

This spring, UNCW begins the lengthy process of construction and renovation to utilize its $108 million share of the $3.1 billion higher education facilities bond approved by voters in November 2000.

"Senior administrators have worked to select designers and to begin planning for five new buildings as well as renovations to seven buildings," said Bob Fry, assistant to the chancellor for planning. "The first visible result of these efforts will occur soon after the start of the spring 2002 semester when we break ground for the facility which will house the Watson School of Education." This three-story building will be located north of Dobo Hall on Reynolds Drive.

The second major project, slated to begin in the summer, will be the expansion and renovation of Westside Hall. Two subprojects to be completed within the next year include work on the heating and air conditioning unit at Friday Hall and new seats and stage lighting in Kenan Auditorium.

Capital construction and renovation projects will enable the university to accommodate more students, said Fry. This year's large freshman class, the start of an expected upward trend for the next decade, has prompted administrators to explore the need for additional on-campus housing and an expansion of the University Union.

Even with the renovation projects and the use of modular facilities, the campus will lack adequate space to accommodate growth and house personnel. Off-campus, leased space is one answer to the problem. Human resources and payroll moved to 5051 New Centre Drive along with two academic labs and some offices within university advancement, public service and extended education and enrollment affairs.

"Senior officials are working with the university's facilities committee to minimize the impact of construction to the campus community," said Fry. The latest information about university construction and renovation activities can be found at www.uncwil.edu/facilities.

Hadley to step down as dean of grad school

Neil F. Hadley, dean of the graduate school and research since 1995, will step down in June 2002.

Hadley was the university's second graduate school dean but the first to combine managing the graduate school and research administration.

Provost John Cavanaugh said Hadley was brought to UNCW to "grow the university's graduate program and research mission, and both have happened." He praised the achievements of the past six years, citing an increase in the number of graduate degree programs from 12 to 19 (in 25 majors), the implementation of two post-baccalaureate certificate programs, and an increase in graduate enrollment from 456 to 750.

At the same time research funding has skyrocketed. "When Neil came to UNCW, 162 proposals were submitted for $21 million in requests," said Cavanaugh. "That year, 126 proposals were funded and the university received $4.5 million. In 2000-2001, 214 proposals were submitted requesting $34 million; 161 awards were funded totaling $13 million."

Hadley is also proud of his record in increasing graduate stipends from $6,500 to $8,500 per year in the sciences, adding health care coverage for graduate students and increasing graduate tuition remissions from 10 to 56. Scholarship dollars for graduate students now total $100,000.

Three programs Hadley will be working on during the remainder of his tenure are a master's in social work, a computer information systems master's and a graduate offering in environmental studies.

Grants top $1 million

Faculty members whose cumulative external grant funding reached the $1,000,000 mark in 2001 were inducted into UNCW's "Million Dollar Club."

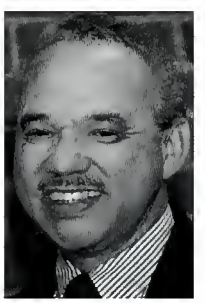
They are:

- Troy Alphin, research associate, Center for Marine Science
- Daniel Baden, director, Center for Marine Science
- William Cooper, department chair
- Michelle Howard-Vital, vice chancellor, Public Service and Extended Education
- Robert Kieber, professor, chemistry
- William McLellan, research associate, biological sciences
- Steve Skrabal, assistant professor, chemistry.

Carter to explore partnerships

Denis Carter has new responsibilities as the associate vice chancellor for planning and academic outreach.

"This new assignment will provide Denis and UNCW the opportunity to explore new and exciting partnerships with community colleges and other academic institutions. He will be engaged with strategic planning and institutional effectiveness," said Provost John Cavanaugh.



Carter

Carter developed the first comprehensive transfer articulation agreements for UNCW which became a statewide model for UNC universities and 59 community colleges. UNCW currently has agreements with 11 community colleges which cover college transfers for Associate in Arts and Associate in Science degrees.

Carter also serves as the Division of Academic Affairs' liaison to institutional research and planning and participates in enrollment and strategic marketing analyses relative to academic programs and initiatives of the university.

Campus Digest

Researchers working to restore reefs

One of the first attempts at restoring the health of Atlantic coral reefs got underway this summer, when scientists from UNCW, the University of Miami and the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration Southeast Fisheries Science Center released the first-ever, laboratory-raised sea urchins at an experimental site in the Florida Keys National Marine Sanctuary.

The black long-spined sea urchin Diadema was almost wiped out by disease in 1983. Since then, as corals died due to bleaching, storm damage, predation, ship groundings and diseases, more of the reef substrate was left open for invasion by algae. Urchins are critical to reef renewal because they eat this coral-smothering algae and may help restore the delicate ecological balance of the reefs.

However, a major concern is that fish and invertebrate predators will try to eat the spiny youngsters, and the scientists are looking at the best way to reintroduce them to ensure their survival.

Alina Szmant of UNCW is leading the project, funded by National Sea Grant and supported by the National Center for Caribbean Coral Reef Research at UM, the National Undersea Research Center at UNCW and NOAA Fisheries.

Her own research on the reproductive ecology of Caribbean reef corals will be applied to the second step in the restoration effort: raising millions of coral larvae from field-collected spawn and then enticing them to settle onto the reef areas where urchins were re-introduced.

After years of research Szmant determined how to predict the coral spawning dates which occur just a few days each summer, according to the lunar cycle. Now teams of divers can collect the spawn as they are released by the corals.

The team will use large floating nursery chambers to raise the larvae until they are mature enough to place on the reef. Even if all goes as planned, it will take years before the scientists see the fruit of their labors because reef-building corals grow a centimeter or less per year.

The Nixon Annex expansion project has been under way since early fall and is moving ahead at a positive pace. Weekly updates, complete with photos of the progress, can be seen at the athletics department's web site www.uncwil.edu/athletics. The Wall of Loyalty campaign gives Seahawk Club members and others who support UNCW athletics programs an opportunity to have permanent name recognition within the expanded Nixon Annex. For more information on the four options that are available, please contact the Seahawk Club office at 910.962.3571.

Fund-raiser benefits Teachers Legacy Hall

A star-studded event raised $45,000 for the Teachers Legacy Hall that will be built in conjunction with UNCW's new school of education building.

The fund-raiser, held in August at the Figure Eight home of Lanny T. Wilson, drew three former North Carolina governors, Jim Holshouser, James Hunt and Jim Martin; Congressmen Mike McIntyre and Bob Etheridge; Lt. Gov. Beverly Perdue; UNC President Molly Broad; State Board of Education Chair Phil Kirk and many other top state government and education officials.

They were there to honor the late Jay Robinson who devoted his life to improving the state's educational system as a teacher, coach and administrator for more than 50 years. The legacy hall, which will be named for him, will occupy a three-story atrium and honor outstanding teachers from across the state.

To date more than $100,000 has been raised for the project which is part of a $1 million campaign to fund both the hall and an education scholars program in Robinson's name.

School of Nursing promotes professors

School of Nursing professors Perri J. Bomar and Bettie J. Glenn received promotions this fall.

Bomar, who was named associate dean of research and community affairs, will direct the school's research efforts and implement community partnerships aimed at health promotion. A noted researcher in family health, Bomar joined UNCW in 1996.

Named associate dean of academic affairs, Glenn will develop and implement the school's undergraduate and graduate education programs which include maintaining national accreditation standards and state approval. Glenn joined UNCW in 2000.

School of Education grant is $2 million

The Watson School of Education received a three-year matching grant totaling more than $2 million to train UNCW students, faculty and cooperating teachers to assess student achievement using the latest handheld technology.

The school is receiving $965,815 from the U.S. Department of Education, with the remaining funds being matched by the university and other partners in the project. UNCW is one of only two universities in the state to be awarded this grant and one of 75 nationwide.

"We want to make a difference in the public school classrooms by producing teachers skilled in assessment through technology," said Dean Cathy Barlow. This grant will build on the relationship the university has developed with area public schools through its Professional Development System.

2001-02 men's basketball schedule

DATE	OPPONENT	TIME
Dec. 4	at Minnesota	7 p.m. CST
Dec. 8	DUQUESNE	7 p.m.
Dec. 10	at Bowling Green	7 p.m.
Dec. 15	CHARLESTON	7 p.m.
Dec. 21	at Old Dominion	7:35 p.m.
Dec. 28	FAIRFIELD	8 p.m.
Dec. 30	TOWSON	4:30 p.m.
Jan. 5	at Hofstra	4 p.m.
Jan. 9	GEORGE MASON	7 p.m.
Jan. 12	DELAWARE	7 p.m.
Jan. 16	at William and Mary	7 p.m.
Jan. 19	JAMES MADISON	7 p.m.
Jan. 23	OLD DOMINION	7 p.m.
Jan. 26	at Va. Commonwealth	7:30 p.m.
Jan. 28	at Towson	7:30 p.m.
Feb. 2	HOFSTRA	4 p.m.
Feb. 4	DREXEL	7 p.m.
Feb. 9	at James Madison	7 p.m.
Feb. 11	at George Mason	7 p.m.
Feb. 13	WILLIAM AND MARY	7 p.m.
Feb. 16	at Delaware	7:30 p.m.
Feb. 18	at Drexel	7 p.m.
Feb. 23	VA. COMMONWEALTH	7 p.m.

Home games in CAPS.

Jordan and the Wizards bring UNCW's campus into media spotlight

By Phillip Brown

For 20 minutes, UNC Wilmington's Trask Coliseum was his stage.

Michael Jordan, at age 38, was holding court again. Nicknamed His Airness, Jordan swooped, soared and swished through Seahawk territory to the delight of the standing room only crowd who gathered to witness the third coming of the legendary professional.

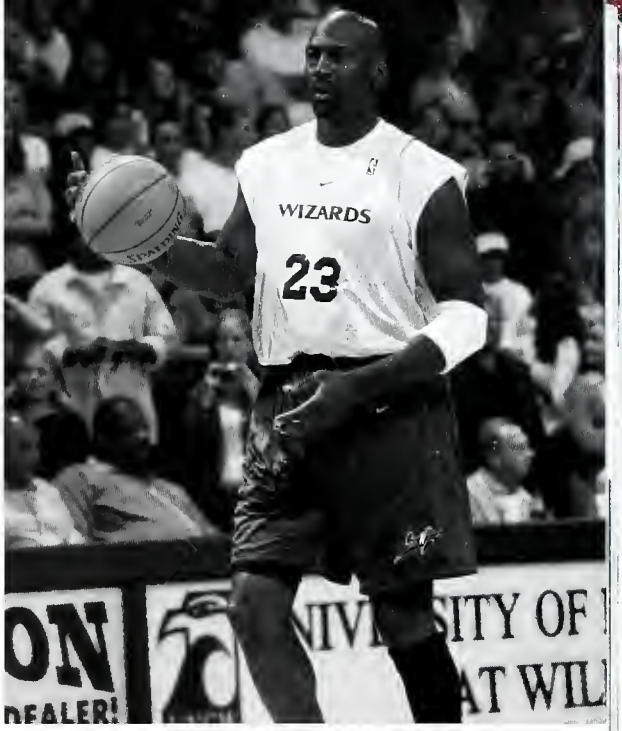
Jordan finished with 13 points, three steals and three rebounds in the Oct. 9 intrasquad scrimmage game with the Washington Wizards. The game, which capped off the team's weeklong training camp, was secondary to the media frenzy that Jordan's presence created on the UNCW campus.

More than 150 journalists converged on the campus to catch a glimpse of basketball's greatest player. The media attention focused on the Wizards' training camp was a plus for the university.

"Story after story on radio, television, print and electronic publications stated that Jordan and the Wizards were at camp at the University of North Carolina at Wilmington," said Mimi Cunningham, assistant vice chancellor for university relations.

"Many media outlets took advantage of their time on campus to do sidebar features about the university, our students and our athletic programs. Our goal was to leverage the excitement surrounding Jordan's return to basketball to build national and international awareness of UNC Wilmington, and it worked. It was a marvelous opportunity that we maximized."

Hosting the Wizards' training camp also provided the opportunity to showcase the Seahawks and Trask



Michael Jordan scored 13 points before a packed Trask Coliseum when the Washington Wizards played an intrasquod scrimmage game.

Coliseum, said Peg Bradley-Doppes, director of athletics. "Media from across the country saw that we have a first-class university with wonderful athletic facilities for our teams. We're proud to be Seahawks, and having this visibility will continue to enhance our programs and university."

Jerry Wainwright, head coach of the Seahawk men's basketball team, echoed Doppes' sentiments.

"We couldn't afford to buy the national exposure that we received from having UNCW mentioned alongside the Wizards and Michael Jordan," said Wainwright.

The circus-like atmosphere created by Jordan's return to basketball prompted more than 200 UNCW students to camp out over night for a free ticket to the scrimmage game.

In addition to ticket allotments for students and administrators, purchasers of season tickets received a free ticket to the Wizards' game. The 37-percent increase in season ticket sales over last year was great news for the Seahawks. However, the arrangement benefiting season ticket purchasers received criticism in the press.

"We've taken some cheap shots for re-

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Shielded from the encroaching media by UNCW Seahawk folding chairs, Michael Jordan was the center of attentian after he announced his comeback to professianal basketball. Between 150 and 200 reparters and photogrophers were an UNCW's campus for the Washington Wizards' training camp held in Trask Coliseum the first week of October. Photagraphs from this same vantage paint appeared in newspapers around the world.

– Photos by John Domoney

It's not all structured classroom work for students enrolled in the Master of Arts in Liberal Studies. Joonie D. Axsom '91, Starlette Vought, Linda MocRoe '95 enjoy a light moment with program director Michael Wentworth.

Graduate programs stretch personal, professional horizons

By Chris Rogers '02

As the sun goes down on a Friday evening, most students are making plans for the weekend. But at a restaurant near campus, there's usually a group of seven or so sitting around a table eating appetizers, having a drink and taking part in a lively discussion, led by their professor, Michael Wentworth.

It's not your typical college class, but then the Master of Arts in Liberal Studies isn't your typical graduate degree program. Drawing people with diverse backgrounds – from working professionals to retirees and ranging in age from 21 to 89, MALS is for motivated students who want to intensify their knowledge of today's social, scientific and humanistic environments. Late afternoon and evening seminar classes that meet once a week accommodate the varying needs of the students enrolled.

"I enjoy the atmosphere of lifelong learning I've found in the MALS program," said Leeann Dulatre. The 30-year-old administrative secretary in UNCW's Office of Campus Diversity has an undergraduate degree in finance from the University of Hawaii and said she has a strong desire to enhance her knowledge.

Many students want to exercise their intellect and imagination, said Linda Ramge, 55, who has a degree in medical technology from the University of Wisconsin at Milwaukee. People coming into the program have a love of learning, and with the variety of classes MALS offers, they can delve into many subjects.

The program is broad and interdisciplinary. The curriculum is innovative. Three areas of concentration are offered: social concerns and cultural systems; environment, science and society; and arts, literature and society.

Individual courses open the door for more interesting and extensive study. They range from the Sociology of Clothing to the Renaissance of Scottish Culture. Ramge and others especially enjoyed the class Shaping of America: Cultural Landscapes and an American Sense of Place that provided a "fascinating tour" of American cultural geography.

Students have the opportunity to conduct in-depth explorations of topics they only touched on as undergraduates or pursued as hobbies. They are able to examine their own personal values and experiences, Dulatre said.

'I have found a particular satisfaction in realizing that my capacity to learn is endless.'

Leeann Dulatre

"I have found a particular satisfaction in realizing that my capacity to learn is endless. At certain times, the shift in me, in my thinking on a given subject is so profound that

the change is almost physical. My undergraduate experience seems like a taskmaster in comparison, the tedious memorization of facts and figures," Dulatre said.

The interdisciplinary and cultural diversity of the program appeals to a lot of people, said Wentworth, program director and associate professor of English, who has seen the program grow from 13 students when it was instituted in 2000 to 86 this year. Most people are simply into lifetime learning and self-enrichment, he observed. With MALS, however, the bonus is the graduate degree they receive when the program concludes.

Unlike those pursuing a degree for the sheer enjoyment of learning, students in UNCW's Master of Public Administration degree program are there to enhance their career objectives.

Offered through the UNCW Department of Political Science, the MPA is a professional degree for individuals who are working or who want to work in government or nonprofit agencies. It is the only degree of its kind in Southeastern North Carolina and offers two areas of concentration: coastal town management and nonprofit management.

The blend of managerial, policy and scientific courses in the coastal town management program is designed to help public administrators make informed decisions that balance competing interests and serve the long-term needs of the region.

As government increasingly contracts much of its work to nonprofit organizations, the second track of the MPA program offers courses that enhance the managerial and policymaking capabilities of individuals trained in specific specialties such as mental health, substance abuse or child welfare.

"As the area grows, the demands on government and challenges are increasing. The need for professionally trained public administrators is only going to be greater as we progress," said Tom Barth, program director and associate professor of political science.

Courses like Administrative Theory, Public Budgeting and Finance Administration, and Ethics and Leadership in Public Life prepare students to become managers and leaders within public administration.

In addition to teaching methodology, the program includes an active public service component. Last spring, students in the public budget and finance class researched the tax structure of a consolidated government between New Hanover County and the City of Wilmington. Projects like this are ongoing and will be a valuable resource to area governments, Barth noted.

Stacy Waters, 23, a 2001 UNCW graduate with a bachelor's in environmental science, is focusing on coastal town management. "I like the program a lot. It's demanding on your time, but you get a lot out of it. You feel you have accomplished something at the end of the week. It is going to give me the management skills that I didn't get from my undergraduate degree."

Wrightsville Beach Police Chief John Carey is enrolled in the program because he wants to have a better understanding of public administration. "This will be another tool in my tool kit," he said. The master's degree will open more career opportunities than the limited scope of law enforcement, he said, noting his future may be teaching political science at the community college level.

"It will open a new way of thinking and help me grow professionally," said Dean Dimke, director of the Wilmington Chapter of the American Red Cross who is focusing on nonprofit management. "To stay successful you must continue to challenge yourself."

Both the MALS and MPA are offering new opportunities to residents of Southeastern North Carolina, benefiting the community and providing a more educated workforce.

Chris Rogers '02 is a senior political science major who plans to pursue the Master of Public Administration degree when he graduates.

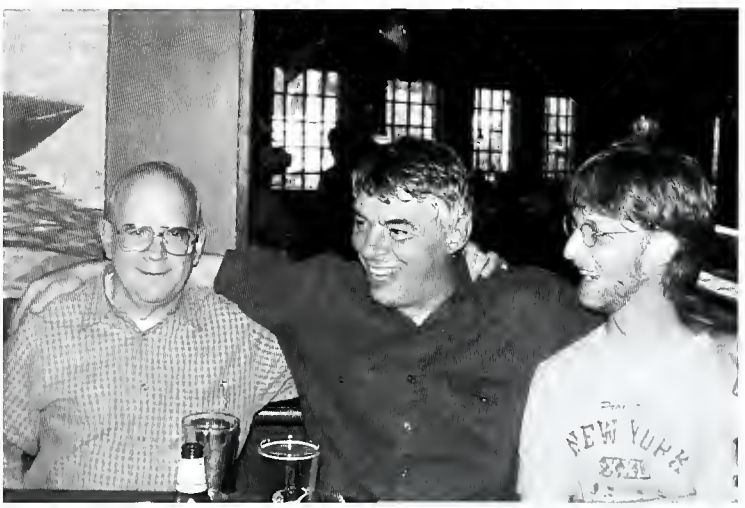
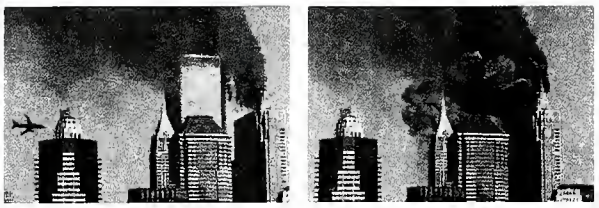


Photo by Chris Rogers

Michael Wentworth, program director for the Master of Arts in Liberal Studies, finds the relaxed setting of area restaurants, like Tomatoz, is perfect for class discussions with his students. One recent Friday, he met with seven students including Glenn Pack, left, and Don Hickman, right.



SEPTEMBER 11, 2001

THE DAY THAT CHANGED THE NATION

By Marybeth Bianchi

On an ordinary day, the windows in Matt Krizowsky's downtown Manhattan office "had a stunning view of the two towers," but on Sept. 11 it was a scene that no one could ever have imagined.

On the campus of UNCW, which seemed like a safe haven on that picture-perfect day, many watched in disbelief as the days' events unfolded. Students, faculty and staff gathered at the Hawk's Nest were glued to the big-screened television, wondering just what was happening.

UNCW students, faculty and staff gathered for a moment of reflection and remembrance during a candlelight ceremony on the campus commons the week following the terrorist attacks in New York and Washington, D.C.

Photo by Brent Tolan/*The Seahawk*

Working at his computer with the blinds drawn to reduce glare, Matt, a 1990 UNCW graduate, said he was aware of the sound of a plane.

"I think I could actually feel some vibrations from the plane itself before it hit the North Tower, but then I heard and felt the explosion. I drew up the blinds to see firework-like plumes of glittering pieces of office paper, then noticed the ebbing fireball. The east side of the tower showed one or two floors in flames, bright orange red with black smoke," he said. "We who were there gasped and stared in disbelief at the tower in flames. ... Watching through the windows gave our close view an unreal TV-like quality.

"While I watched the first tower in flames, suddenly the second tower exploded outward toward us. I could feel the rumble of the impact. I could feel the heat of the fireball coming through the glass," he said.

As he left his building, moving to other company offices a half block away, Matt said, "I could see the North Tower burning and part of the South aflame as well. It was unreal. I had seen debris falling from the towers. I felt it was best to get inside. I had no idea things would be far worse than I could ever imagine."

About 12:30 p.m. he began the walk home to Brooklyn amid a thick cover of dust, burned papers and other debris. He returned to work a week later, although his office would be without power or phone service for several more days.

A 1994 UNCW alumnus was working in 7 World Trade Center when the planes flew into the two largest buildings of the complex. Thinking the first plane that hit was a missile, he and coworkers grabbed medical kits and headed out into the street to help those injured by falling debris. They gathered along the Westside Highway, then walked along the river to the towers as the second plane flew its suicidal course and the first tower came crashing down.

"It was just like in the movies ... this building crumbling and coming toward you," he said. Protected by the Financial Center, he said he watched as the thick cloud spread out more than eight blocks in all directions. His own office building collapsed later that day.

The feeling of helplessness was one of the worst things for Erik Whitestone '96. The film and television industry freelancer was surfing the waters off Long Island when the attacks occurred, but his girlfriend had just gotten off the subway two blocks away from the towers shortly after the first was hit. She was able to seek safe cover and eventually walked the nine miles back to her home on the Upper West Side. Erik, however, was not able to contact her for several hours.

"Like the rest of the world, I felt utterly helpless, unable to do anything but sit and watch TV," he said.

When New York native Martin Camacho heard the news, he was immediately concerned about the safety of his mother, who works a few miles from the downtown area that was hit and of-

Photo by Brent Tolan/*The Seahawk*

'How I yearned for that magic time machine my grandfather told me about when I was a child, 'Just close your eyes, take a deep breath, think about your most favorite thing in the whole wide world, and remember to tell God to make it right again.' It wouldn't work this time.'

– Martin Camacho

ten walks in nearby Battery Park. A UNCW nursing student and alumni association scholarship recipient, Camacho said his thoughts also went out to those in the World Trade Towers, particular Cantor Fitzgerald, where his wife Kimberly had worked.

"I reminisced upon the time when I spent half an hour staring out of the conference room window on the 102nd floor of Cantor Fitzgerald waiting for Kim to leave her office. We were leaving for college in North Carolina shortly, and for some reason I felt as if I should relish the scenery," he said.

Remembering a conversation with a fellow service man who was from Israel and knew what it was like living in the midst of terrorism, Camacho said on Sept. 11 he understood how it felt . . . "that terrible sense of insecurity, suspicion and impending doom. Now there I was watching the massacre continue right before me. Down they came, the first and then the second.

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In Washington, D.C., Dick McGraw, a public relations instructor who in July left the comfortable sanctuary of the university to work for Defense Secretary Donald Rumsfeld, was watching the crisis unfold from his office at the Pentagon.

"Twenty minutes later, the pictures on my wall shook like we had just experienced a sonic boom, but I know sonic booms are not allowed around Washington, D.C. I knew we had been hit."

When the building was evacuated, he walked for hours, stopping to help people and looking for his coworkers in the public affairs department. He walked around the huge structure trying to reach the scene of destruction, but was forced to turn and walk back around another mile and a half.

"Eventually I came to a Citgo station which I found our office had 'confiscated' and taken over as a press operation center. We were directly opposite the impact area and about 500 to 600 yards away. The building was burning heavily; fire trucks were pouring heavy streams of water into the collapsed structure," he said.

After conducting a press briefing and "sending the signal that 'the Pentagon is still standing and it's almost business as usual,'" McGraw later realized, "Of course, it wasn't and still isn't 'business as usual.' . . . Our very way of life has been attacked in a way we could not have imagined."

Cheri Arnott was working at a government agency less than two miles away from the Pentagon when it was hit.

"While standing in the office, the windows shook, and we heard and felt the second explosion at the Pentagon – presumably the plane exploding. At that point, with a very uncertain idea of what was safe, I left work, because after all, I work in a federal building, and they said that another plane was about 20 minutes out (soon after, we found out that this was the plane that crashed in Pennsylvania)."

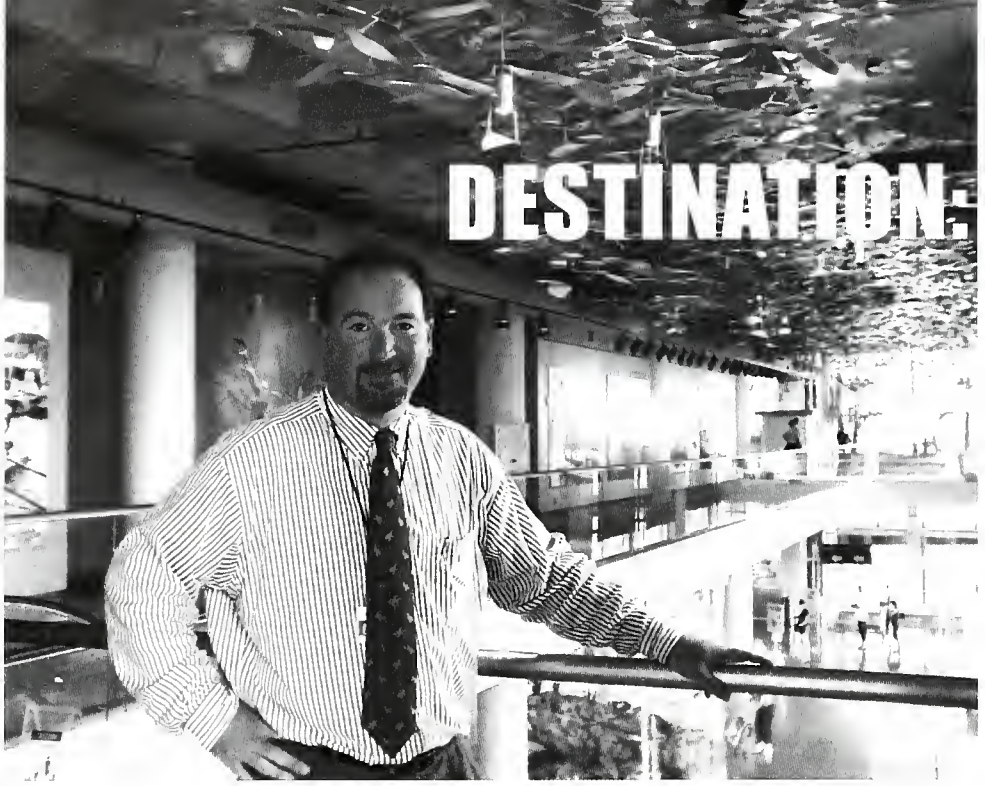
"I walked home, as there was no moving in a car. It was during that walk that I saw things I never thought I'd see. Walking through intersections that were guarded by snipers. Seeing only military aircraft flying overheard. Not sure if the worst was over, not sure what was to come," Arnott said.

Reflecting on the loss of fellow firefighters who initially rushed to the scene in New York City, Ed Vosnock '71, battalion chief with the Wilmington Fire Department, said, "We do what we do because it is our job to save lives and protect property. Sometimes the task may start out routine and turn into an heroic event. When people are in need is the time firemen feel needed most. Sometimes the everyday saves don't make the news, but the tragic events do, and they are then brought to the public's attention. When this occurs, through no fault of our own, we sometimes feel we have failed," he said.

"Nonetheless, we firefighters are here in our community and across this great nation to protect the citizenry, in good times and in bad times and in tragic times that may result in the ultimate sacrifice."

"I recall a conversation that I had with my mother recently, confirming what I had suspected," Camacho said. "'Everything is different,' she said. 'You will be able to see it. It's a lie otherwise.'"

"There is a reluctance to ruin the fondness for the past, yet complacency has never been an attribute inherent within my life. In the meantime, there is a space reserved alongside my framed black and white of the Brooklyn Bridge with the World Trade Center set in the background. I hope that the next will be grander than its predecessor."



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DESTINATION: Charleston

Blue's job is putting S.C. Aquarium on the map

By Marybeth K. Bianchi

A superstitious person might worry about the influence of the number 13, but it's been lucky for Scott Blue '85.

After a 13-year career in the airline industry, he needed a change. He began working as a sales rep with Piedmont Airlines the Monday after graduating from UNCW. He advanced as the company grew and merged with US Airways. He moved around – to Charlotte, Raleigh, Wilmington and Charleston – as he rose to district sales manager. But he longed for a change and the timing seemed right since the company was reorganizing sales districts.

"When I left in 1998, I was in a good financial position from my separation. I didn't know what I wanted to do, but I had faith it would work out," he said.

And as luck would have it, it did.

He was the 13th person hired to work at the South Carolina Aquarium, which was slated to open May 2000 in Charleston, S. C.

"I really believe things happen for a reason," he said. The director of sales and marketing, working in a bright corner office overlooking the Charleston Harbor, Blue is responsible for operational revenue at the $10-million organization. Marketing, advertising, membership program, retail shop, public and community relations are also his responsibilities.

"It's not a boring job," he said.

Coming in on the ground floor of the aquarium project was "quite a learning experience," Blue said. "My team was hired as specialists in their area of responsibility."

The first year its doors were open, the aquarium drew 861,000 visitors, the vast majority area residents. However, Blue noted, "Our success really hinges on how well we attract tourists." About 4 million people visit Charleston each year.

"Our customer base is influenced by tourism, and in some ways it's out of our control," he said. With a downturn in the economy and travel plans put on hold because of the events surrounding Sept. 11, Blue faces many challenges ahead.

"My job is to attract new and repeat guests to the aquarium every day," he said. "It's a good product to sell, but folks come to Charleston for very specific reasons – history, architecture, food, the beach."

Making the aquarium a destination is one of Blue's objectives. "In terms of competition, we have a lot, even though we have a very unique product," he said. "What the aquarium has done is create another option within this popular destination."

Like Baltimore's Inner Harbor, Blues' goal is that, one day, Charleston visitors will say they're headed to Aquarium Wharf. Located on the waterfront about a quarter mile up from the historic downtown Charleston area, this area is slowly coming into its own with an IMAX theatre, shops, food court and Fort Sumter tour boat facility and interpretive center.

"Positive things are going to happen," he believes.

While attendance numbers dropped during the aquarium's second year of operation, Blue is implementing a number of strategies to not only draw tourists, but to keep area residents

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King's success benefits students

By Marybeth K. Bianchi

One of the things Joe King enjoys about his job is being able to attend the Specialty Equipment Market Association convention in Las Vegas where Ford has developed partnerships with companies who modify stock vehicles.

Humble beginnings didn't deter Joe L. King '66 from climbing the corporate ladder.

He believes it was the foundation of education he received at Wilmington College, plus the influence of his hardworking mother, that helped him achieve success.

And with that success, he is giving back to help deserving students at UNCW.

"What's happened to me in my life goes back to education," he said. "It all goes back to this university."

King, who is the communications manager for global marketing with Ford Motor Company in Detroit, grew up in Scotts Hill, where his widowed mother ran Kings Cash Grocery. With financial assistance from the E. L. White Scholarship, he enrolled at Wilmington College in 1963, graduating magna cum laude in just three years.

Mack West, who was chairman of the business department, was one of the "engaging" professors he recalls having an influence on his life. "He really made you want to be a student of business," King noted.

With the Vietnam War raging, King enlisted in the Air Force, spending "four of the most enjoyable years of my life" as a commissioned officer in the supply field. However, he knew a military career was not for him, and a friend influenced him to continue his education when his tour of duty ended.

He applied to several universities, but chose Harvard to obtain his master of business administration degree.

"Once I finished my master's degree, I really wanted to go south, but you have to look at where the opportunities are," he said. And the road to opportunity led to Ford where he's been for 29 years.

"The Ford Motor Company is like my second family. It's the people," he said. "We really do attract some of the best and the brightest."

A 1998 recipient of the UNCW Razor Walker Award for Distinguished Service, King worked with Tyrone Rowell, senior associate vice chancellor for university advancement, and the Ford Division to involve his alma mater in launching the Ford Focus, the replacement for the venerable Escort.

Five hundred young people from across the country were flown to Wilmington for the unveiling of the new car at the "Concert on the Creek" in Kenan Auditorium, a 1999 event also featuring the cast of the television show *Dawson's Creek*. The national spotlight shone on Wilmington and UNCW.

As he approaches retirement, the energetic King isn't thinking about kicking back and taking it easy. "I do want to do something in a second career," he said, and he's thinking about moving back east.

As a member of the UNCW Foundation Board of Directors, King travels back to Wilmington four times a year to attend meetings. Since 1996, he missed just one.

"This is his home. This is his alma mater and he's proud of it," Rowell said. "Joe's very proud of his roots here."

And giving back is important to him.

"My mother was probably the most important influence in my life," he said. And to honor her memory, he established the Mary Ramey King Endowed Scholarship at UNCW to be awarded annually to a female business student. "My mother really cared about business, and she really cared about education," he said.

Following the death of his brother William last year, King began building a second endowment to establish a scholarship for a student studying the sciences. He expects it to be completely funded by the end of next year.

"The most important thing you can do for your children is help them get an education," King said. And through his gifts to UNCW, he will be giving many children, for years to come, an opportunity to reach beyond their own humble backgrounds and achieve success.

Creating an Endowed Scholarship

Creating a scholarship can make a tremendous difference in the life of a student. Establishing an endowed scholarship is a gift in perpetuity that benefits students for generations to come.

To create an endowed named scholarship, the university requires a minimum gift of $25,000 or a pledge for that amount to be paid within three years.

An endowed scholarship at $25,000 enables the university to award a scholarship that covers approximately half of the cost of in-state tuition and fees (at 2001-02 rates).

An endowed scholarship at $50,000 enables us to award a scholarship that covers approximately the full cost of in-state tuition and fees (at 2001-02 rates).

Once a year, scholarship donors are invited to a special dinner to meet their scholarship recipients.

Another option is an annual scholarship that can be created through support on a year-to-year basis.

For more information, please contact Ty Rowell, senior associate vice chancellor for university advancement, at 910.962.3626 or rowellt@uncwil.edu.

Homecoming is Jan. 19

The alumni association's 2002 homecoming celebration includes something for everyone.

It begins on Friday, Jan. 18, when alumni can workout with students at the recreation center between 6:30 a.m. and 9 p.m. The center is also open Saturday from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m., Sunday from 1 to 9 p.m. and Monday from 11 a.m. to 11 p.m. Registration with the alumni relations office is required for admittance.

The annual awards banquet, which is by-invitation-only, is at 6:30 p.m. in the Warwick Center ballroom. The Alumnus/Alumna of the Year and the Distinguished Citizen for Service to the Community and University will be recognized.

The Young Alumni Council invites graduates from 1991 to 2001 to a social at 9 p.m. at Front Street Brewery in downtown Wilmington. Free food, DJ and cash bar will be available.

Saturday, Jan. 19, is the big day with many activities planned:

- The bookstore is open from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.
- The annual homecoming 5K run starts at 9 a.m. at the Student Recreation Center. To register call 910.962.7443.
- A drop-in lunch will be held at Wise Alumni House on Market Street from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. There is no charge, but reservations are required and can be made by calling the alumni relations office.
- AAGA, the African American Graduates Association, will have its annual luncheon meeting at noon in the Center Stage Cafe. Officers will be elected, and Ralph Parker, former director of minority affairs will be the guest of honor. The cost is $5 a person, in advance.
- A walking tour of campus, led by student ambassadors, will begin at 2 p.m. in the Trask Coliseum lobby. The highlight will be the newest addition to campus, Lakeside Hall.
- Members of the Triad, Triangle and Charlotte alumni chapters will be recognized at the pregame social at 5 p.m. in the Hawk's Nest. (See story on pregame socials for admission costs.)
- At 7 p.m. the Seahawks host James Madison University in Trask Coliseum. Limited tickets are available for the game and are $10 a person for adults and $5 for children 14 and under. For more information call 910.962.3233.
- At half-time alumni board chair Bill Herrett will crown the 2002 homecoming queen and king, and the Cameron School of Business Alumni Chapter will host a social in Trask Coliseum, Room 142.
- The celebration reaches its climax at 9:30 p.m. at the annual homecoming dance in the grand ballroom of the Wilmington Hilton Riverside. This year's event will feature the Voltage Brothers and recognize members of Delta Sigma Theta, Delta Zeta and Sigma Alpha Epsilon. Reunions will focus on graduating classes from the 1980s. There will also be special recognition of alumni who traveled great distances to attend the festivities.

  Tickets to the dance are $20 a person and must be purchased in advance. The deadline for ticket purchases is Jan. 16. Admission includes heavy hors d'oeurves. A cash bar will be available.

To purchase tickets or register for events, please contact the alumni relations office or go online at www.uncwil.edu/alumni.

Board of directors meet Jan. 12

The next meeting of the UNCW Alumni Association Board of Directors is scheduled for 8:30 a.m. Jan. 12 at Wise Alumni House.

Get in the spirit during alumni basketball socials

Alumni and friends have four opportunities to get in the Seahawk spirit before or after upcoming home men's basketball games.

The schedule for 2002 socials is:

- Jan. 12 – Mexican Fiesta Night, 5 p.m. Music will be provided by DJ Lee Pearson '70, and the Cape Fear Chapter will be recognized. UNCW plays Delaware at 7 p.m.
- Jan. 19 – Homecoming, Chicken Pickin' Night, 5 p.m.Triad, Triangle and Charlotte alumni chapters will be recognized. UNCW plays JMU at 7 p.m.
- Feb. 2 – Barbecue Night, 7 p.m. The Watson School of Education and School of Nursing chapters will be honored. Duke Ladd will entertain. UNCW plays Hofstra at 4 p.m.
- Feb. 23 – Pasta Night, 5 p.m. The Cameron School of Business and Communication Studies chapters will be recognized. The Choral Roberts will perform. UNCW plays VCU at 7 p.m.

All socials are held in the Hawk's Nest and the games are played in Trask Coliseum. Door prizes will be given at each event.

Active alumni and friends who contribute $250 or more annually to the UNCW Alumni Association or Wise Alumni House will be admitted to each social with one guest for half-price at $5 a person. For all other alumni and guests admission is $10 a person. Children, ages six to 12, will be admitted for $5 each, and there is no charge for children five and under. Reservations are required and can be made by calling the alumni relations office.

Coleman family endows scholarship

The Coleman family, owners of Porta-Nails Inc., has established an endowed scholarship at UNCW.

Jerry Coleman Sr., Porta-Nails president and a 1956 graduate of Wilmington College, said this scholarship is his company's demonstration of its belief in the importance of education. Headquartered in Wilmington, Porta-Nails Inc. manufactures hardwood floor-fastening tools and specialty woodworking tools.

The Porta-Nails Scholarship will be a merit-based scholarship and will be open to students majoring in any four-year degree.

UNCW requires a minimum donation of $25,000 to endow a scholarship.

New council strives to engage recent graduates

The newest addition to the alumni association is the Young Alumni Council, established in April to engage, serve and support UNCW's most recent graduates.

"We hope to plan events that will bring recent alums back to the university so they can see their dollars at work," said Elaine Duck '97, council president.

Serving with her in leadership roles are McGavock Edwards '96 as vice president and Sonja Rowe '95 as secretary.

The council will be comprised of up to 25 members with two representatives from each of the last 10 graduating classes starting in 1991, plus three at-large members.

The council's objective is to develop programs and communications that are tailored to recent grads' needs and perspectives. It seeks to involve young alumni by developing them as volunteers and future leaders in ways that deepen their commitment to the university and prepare them for active roles in alumni relations.

The council has three working committees: careers and admissions with Tina Rivenbark '91 as chair, programming and awards with Woody Sutton '92 as chair, and technology advisory with Kim Warlick '01 as chair.

This spring the group cosponsored the program "Your Personal Best, Strategies for Career Success" with the Young Alumni Program from UNC Chapel Hill.

As part of Homecoming 2002, the council will host a young alumni celebration at 9 p.m. Friday, Jan. 18, at Front Street Brewery in downtown Wilmington.

"It's a great break in a dull winter to come back for homecoming, see friends and hang out in the old hot spots," Duck said.

Young alumni can reserve their spot by contacting the Alumni Relations Office or registering online at www.uncwil.edu/alumni.

Scholarships awarded to 12

The alumni association awarded 12 scholarships for the 2001-02 academic year to students who have demonstrated excellence in the classroom and their communities and who have a financial need. Each is valued at approximately $1,500 a year and is renewable annually if criteria are met on a continuing basis.

Graduate scholarships:

- Milli Raynor of Hampstead was awarded the Lewis-Wiley Alumni Fellowship. Milli is working on Master of Arts in Liberal Studies.
- Jenifer J. Murphy of Wilmington was awarded the P. Daniel Lockamy Jr. Graduate Alumni Scholarship. She is working on a master's degree in curriculum and instructional supervision.

New undergraduate scholarships:

- Sandra L. Tatum of Hampstead is a freshman who intends to major in international finance and pursue a career in international business.
- Matthew M. Kunic of Youngstown, Ohio, is a junior majoring in communication studies and political science.

Scholarship renewals:

- Sharon I. Duff of Holly Ridge is the recipient of the Hugh Henry Fox Alumni Scholarship, awarded in memory of Wilmington College's first graduate. She is a sophomore majoring in elementary education.
- Jackie L. Roberts of Shawboro, N.C., is the recipient of the Gerald H. Shinn Alumni Scholarship which includes a $500 book award. Jackie is a junior majoring in accounting.
- Brandy L. Garrell of Chadbourn is a junior majoring in accounting and participates in the UNCW Honors Program.
- Cynthia F. Thomas of Charlotte is a sophomore business major.
- Martin Camacho of New York, N.Y., is a senior majoring in nursing and is a UNCW School of Nursing honors scholar.
- Andrea L. Cartrette of Castle Hayne is a sophomore majoring in English.

Athletic scholarships:

- Kelly Bailey of Greensboro is a junior business major. She is a member of the women's golf team.
- Leslie C. Smith of Cary is a CAA scholar-athlete in swimming. She is a junior majoring in communication studies.

Scholarships are funded by donations from UNCW alumni and friends, as well as income from the UNCW Seahawk collegiate license plate program.

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Golfers' efforts result in endowed scholarship

It took several hundred rounds of golf, but the Jim Humphries Memorial Scholarship is now endowed.

A student leader while enrolled at UNCW, Humphries graduated in 1990. After battling brain cancer, he died in 1995.

For five years, his friends in the Triad area sponsored a golf tournament to raise funds to endow a scholarship in his honor. Wes Ward '92 and Bret Kinney '90 were the primary organizers. This summer they met their goal of $25,000.

The first scholarship will be awarded by the alumni association in 2002. Candidates must be juniors or seniors with a minimum GPA of 2.5 who have demonstrated campus and community leadership.

Unity, support are association's goals

Wouldn't it be great to see UNCW represented by one main school color? As alumni association chair, I've supported this concept and have urged others to follow suit. This fall the Athletics Department approved teal as the teams' color. "Feel the Teal" will be the Seahawk's mantra. I would love to go to basketball games this season and see all of the UNCW fans represented by one color – teal.

Herrett

Another goal I have is to encourage attendance and support at all UNCW functions and events by alumni, students, faculty and the community. We have such a great university that continues to improve tremendously every year. We need to provide support in whatever way possible.

I have also made a commitment "to have fun." Those who know me personally would agree that this is an easy goal for me. With all the terrible events that took place in our country in September, this goal is even more important.

This year we have many great ways to show our support for UNCW. We will be preparing for four pregame socials during the basketball season. With the addition of Drexel, Hofstra, Delaware and Towson into the conference we look forward to another successful season. Mark your calendar for Jan. 19 when the VB's, better known as the Voltage Brothers, take the stage for homecoming as we pay tribute to '80s alumni, and, yes, that includes me. For one night, we can turn back the clock and remember the music of the '80s, plus more!

Our theme this year is "UNCW Alumni, So True." As alumni, we are committed to staying true to the university and all of the friends we met along the way. We look forward to each of you staying true as well.

William Herrett '87

Alumni, American bonds strengthened

We need you more than ever during these troubling times since Sept. 11. We send out our prayers and support to all those who have been touched directly or indirectly by the terrorists' attacks. The bond that Americans have for each other is added strength against the enemy. As alumni of Wilmington College and UNCW, we move forward as does our nation with a new awareness.

Our alumni association continues to need your volunteerism and support. We thank you for every gift and moment you spent last year promoting your alma mater. Progress was made. Our alumni participation rate was 13 percent at year-end on June 30. We are not satisfied and appeal to all alumni to give back at any level to support UNCW.

The rankings by *US News and World Report* show that we are number seven in the South among public universities, holding in the top 10 for four straight years.

Smith

Alumni giving to UNCW is a part of the calculation, and we need to increase our numbers of alumni donors to support and propel the ranking into the top five. Let's do it!

The alumni association put our fledgling "Grand Alumni Champions" program in the air. We thank our $1,000 donors for their commitment. Our Young Alumni Council stretched its wings and took flight. It's poised to create great opportunities for young alumni to gather and serve.

Planned this year are a variety of alumni and friends events such as chapter happenings, reunions, pregame socials, homecoming and other opportunities to get together for fun and fellowship. Join with us and celebrate with the alumni spirit that we all possess.

Patricia Corcoran Smith '72

Grand ALUMNI CHAMPIONS
UNIVERSITY OF NORTH CAROLINA AT WILMINGTON

Grand Alumni show support for association

One way you can show your support for your alma mater is by becoming a Grand Alumni Champion.

Grand Alumni contribute $1,000 annually to the association to enhance established programs, like scholarships and student development, and to fund new initiatives like the Young Alumni Council.

In return, Grand Alumni are qualified for membership in the Chancellor's Club, which enables them to attend special university and alumni functions and receive special recognition in a variety of ways, including a plaque in Wise Alumni House.

Grand Alumni for 2000-01 were Frank S. Bua '68, Rebecca Burruss Fancher '78, Charles F. Green III '71, Robert S. King '66, Ronald N. Lipsius '61, '78, Norman H. Melton '74, Victoria Landing Mix '82, Hugh C. Newkirk Jr. '70, Leigh Thomas Powell '96, Patricia Corcoran Smith '72, Louis R. Smith '73, and Francis L. Wootton '70.

Wanted: Those willing to serve fellow alumni

The alumni association is looking for a few good men and women who have a real affection for their alma mater and are willing to serve in a leadership position.

Potential board members should be "active" alumni who make annual contributions to UNCW, are willing to attend alumni events and meetings and support a variety of special projects to benefit alumni and students.

Board member terms begin July 1 and may be held for one year as an alternate or three years as a core board member. Chapter representatives are also needed.

The deadline to apply is Jan. 10.

Get active, get stuff

Active alumni who contribute $25 or more annually to UNCW are entitled to:

- *UNCW Magazine* subscription
- Alumni window decal and card
- Selected Randall Library privileges
- Special invitations to alumni and university events
- Discounted pregame socials for alumni donors of $250
- Discounted movie tickets
- One year free Career Services after graduation
- Career Services computer resources
- The opportunity to use Wise Alumni House for an event
- 10-percent discount on non-sale items at the bookstore (excluding textbooks)
- Online benefits (log on at www.uncw.edu/alumni for details).

Go online with alumni

Supporting your alma mater is easy now with UNCW's online services for alumni.

Gifts to the association or to the university program of your choice can be made securely from the alumni or alumni and friends websites. Caroline Corriher '97, Cape Fear Alumni Chapter representative, gave the association's first on-line gift in June.

Alumni can also obtain a distinctive e-mail address that instantly shows their affinity to the university. Other services include on-line registration for alumni events, information updates, chapter programs, business card exchange, web postcards and more.

To find out more, log on at www.uncwil.edu/alumni or www.uncwil.edu/alumniandfriends.

Tell us your news

Let us know what's happening in your life by writing to alumnews@uncwil.edu or help us keep our files up-to-date by logging on at www.uncwil.edu/alumni.

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warding loyal Seahawk fans and boosters, but the decision to offer them free scrimmage tickets was made 11 months ago, well before Jordan announced his decision to play," said Wainwright.

In addition to the increased exposure and ticket sales, having the Wizards in Wilmington benefited Seahawk players and coaches, said Wainwright.

"The Wizards were generous to allow us access to their practices. As a teaching situation, our players, men and women, were able to learn by observing people performing at the top level of the sport. For the coaches, we had a chance to interact not only with the Wizards staff, but former Tar Heel coach Dean Smith and Duke's Mike Krzyzewski," Wainwright said.

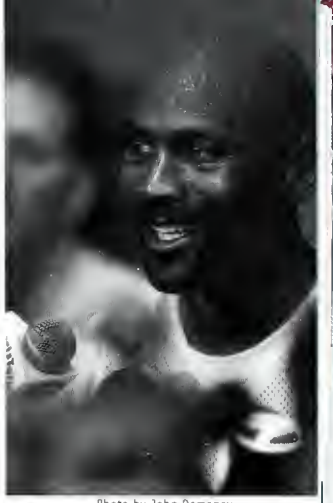
In looking toward the future, Wainwright said the wonderful comments he had from the Wizards about the coliseum's new floor, locker room and other training facilities, which were completed during the summer and just in time for the Wizards, should enhance player recruitment.

The Wizards were the first to play a game on the new floor, said Wainwright.

"I'm glad they liked it (the floor). It's nice that it was tested by players at the highest level."

Wainwright added that he was also pleased that the students, faculty, staff and community supported the Wizards.

"Hopefully, for those who visited Trask for the first time to see the Wizards scrimmage, they got the chance to see how nice the facility is and they will come back for Seahawk men's and women's games," said Wainwright.



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In that respect, Washington Wizards head coach Doug Collins gave the Seahawks support. During a press conference following the scrimmage game, he praised Trask Coliseum and UNCW.

"We're really thankful that we had a place like this (Trask Coliseum)," said Collins, "We really got a lot of work done here. Coach Wainwright and his staff, the facilities, the way that the people made us feel at home – this was great."

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coming back again and again. Family memberships, which now number 15,000, are one way to draw them.

"Aquariums reinvent themselves with temporary exhibits," he said. "You have to enhance the guests' experiences. Programs are also very important, and guests today want interactive memorable experiences."

An upcoming exhibit focuses on UFOs or unbelievable floating objects. Also in the works are behind-the-scenes tours, summer camps and an overnight program for children. "They'll be able to sleep with the fishes," Blue noted.

Even though airlines and aquariums are two totally different businesses, there are similarities when it comes to attracting customers. "The principles of marketing are the same from industry to industry," Blue said. "You have to build relationships with your customers and give potential customers enough compelling reasons to buy in order to sell your product."

Blue, who admits his college career at UNCW got off to a rocky start, said he quit his part-time job, focused on his studies and saw his grade point average rise.

"I'm not a quitter. It was a situation where I had my fun for the first little bit of time I was there, and then I had to buckle down to reality," he remembered. He even considered staying in school for a master of business administration degree, but decided to go right to work.

Blue said he inherited his desire for hard work from his father, a banker for more than 40 years, and his grandfather, a tobacco farmer. He "took bits and pieces" from his mentors to develop his own leadership style.

"I don't know where I'll be tomorrow and I'm not worried about it," he said. The 39-year-old just wonders, "What's the next challenge?"

Chapter News

AAGA

AAGA's theme for Homecoming 2002 is "Celebration of the Past in Connection to the Future." The chapter will recognize Ralph Parker, former director of minority affairs, past officers, athletes and gospel choir members during its annual luncheon meeting at noon Jan. 19 in the Center Stage Cafe in Warwick Center.

The first Senior Sankofa, established by AAGA to honor graduating black students, was held May 17 at Wise Alumni House. It will be held annually in conjunction with spring commencement. Sankofa, which means an African rite of passage in the Akan languages of West Africa, represents the unity presented by AAGA to the graduates, marking their move from UNCW to careers.

Fund-raising continues for the Ralph Parker Endowed Scholarship with contributions nearing $14,000. The chapter encourages African American graduates to give back to the university by supporting this effort. For more information contact Malcomb Coley '86, fund-raising chairman, at malcomb.coley@ey.com. Checks can be made payable to the Ralph Parker Scholarship and sent to UNCW Advancement Services, 601 S. College Road, Wilmington, NC 28403-5905.

Questions or comments about the chapter can be sent to Wanda C. Corbin '87 at george@visi.net.

Anne Johnson '91, right, has taken over the leadership of the Cameron School Chapter from Donis Noe '86, '94M.

Cameron School of Business Chapter

The chapter board of directors elected Anne Johnson '91, president; Jeffrey Whitney '01M, vice president; Vicki Alala '97, '98M secretary; and Larry White '90M, treasurer, Donis Noe '86, '94M serves as past president.

The chapter cosponsored the Brookhill Steeplechase May 5 in Clayton. More than 60 alumni enjoyed the horse races, food, refreshments and fellowship.

The chapter's annual picnic, held Aug. 2 at Hugh MacRae Park, drew over 100 people. Johnson invited all Cameron School graduates to join the chapter. At the Oct. 13 meeting, the chapter explored ways to expand programs for M.B.A. and M.S.A. graduates.

Graduates interested in joining the chapter can contact Johnson at 910.252.9492 or anj8000@aol.com.

Ashley Wallace '94, Mike Wilson '98M, Phil Oakley and Bob Hodge get ready to tee off at the Cape Fear Alumni Golf Classic.

Cape Fear Chapter

Close to $4,000 was raised for student scholarships and other projects at the chapter's eighth annual Alumni Golf Classic May 18 at Castle Bay Country Club in Hampstead. The chapter contributed $1,000 to the Brian Pearson King Scholarship Fund, $1,000 to the Ralph Parker Scholarship Fund and $500 to the Shirley Gilbert Farr Scholarship Fund.

The chapter held its annual Grand Slam Jam when the UNCW baseball team played the Pirates of East Carolina on May 10 at Brooks Field, and members supported "Alumni Night" with the Wilmington Waves minor league baseball team June 8 at Brooks Field.

Questions or suggestions for future events and programs can be directed to Caroline Corriher '97 at caroline.corriher@wilm.ppdi.com.

Charleston Chapter

Wayne Tharp '75 has agreed to lead Charleston area alumni in the development of this new affiliate chapter. Wayne and his wife Judy Rabon Tharp '78 bring their experience from leading the UNCW Charlotte Alumni Chapter for two years and are now stepping up to get things started in Charleston.

UNCW alumni met for dinner ot the Isle of Palms to discuss the formation of a Charleston Chapter.

A group of about 10 alumni met with university staff at the Boat House Restaurant on the Isle of Palms to discuss plans and hear about the university's continuing growth. Also at the dinner were Scott Blue '85 and his wife Stephanie, Pete '95 and Kristen Boyer Groudis '97, Renee Mueller '83 and Debbie Ward '82.

The chapter is planning a get-together in Charleston on Dec. 15 when the UNCW men's basketball team plays College of Charleston.

For more information on the Charleston chapter, please contact Tharp at tharp75@aol.com.

Charlotte Chapter

The Charlotte Alumni Chapter has a new leader. Sandy Saburn '89 has agreed to lead the chapter with the help of other Queen City alumni. A reorganizational meeting was held Oct. 24 at the Village Tavern in Charlotte to discuss plans for future chapter events.

If you would like to become involved with the Charlotte Chapter, please contact Saburn at 704.643.0616 or ssaburn@yahoo.com.

Communication Studies Chapter

The chapter is planning a spring open house for Communication Studies alumni to tour the department's new home in Lakeside Hall.

Chapter members attended the department's senior banquet on May 1 and the Brookhill Steeplechase on May 5. Chapter President Leigh Powell '85 helped coordinate the event that drew about 60 alumni to Clayton.

On-going chapter projects include fund-raising for the Shirley Gilbert Farr Scholarship and the Brian Pearson King Memorial Scholarship. Shirley was a 1976 graduate who was a local television news and weather personality. Brian was a senior communication studies student who passed away March 18, 2001.

To become involved in the chapter, please contact Powell at 919.782.6780 or powell2140@mindspring.com.

Former Crew Club members gathered for a weekend of rowing and socializing at the Wilmington riverfront.

Crew Club Chapter

Current Crew Club members met with crew alumni April 7 at the boathouse on the Cape Fear River for a morning row and lunchtime cookout. The event culminated that evening with a reception at Elijah's Restaurant.

The creation of this affiliate chapter gives alumni an opportunity to support the current club. The chapter's goal is to raise $5,000 for new equipment for the UNCW Crew Club and additional funds for more events like the annual weekend gathering.

For more information, contact Curt Browder '92 at 856.755.6253.

Nursing Chapter

During Nursing Week in May, the chapter joined with New Hanover Regional Medical Center to host two receptions for UNCW nursing alumni working at Cape Fear Hospital and New Hanover Regional Medical Center.

Chapter President Megan Parpart '98 participated in the School of Nursing graduation ceremony May 18.

School of Nursing Chapter president Megan Parpart '98, left, is pictured with school of nursing administrators and alumni during a Nursing Week reception.

The chapter leadership board reorganized and is considering several projects including a lecture series and mentoring program. The chapter also wants to raise funds to purchase student kits for new nursing students.

The leadership board is continuing its search for new board members. Interested nursing alumni can contact Parpart at 919.286.9896 or mparpart@aol.com to sign up.

Triad Chapter

A chapter meeting was held Sept. 5 at Jack Astors Steak House in Greensboro. Aaron Wescott '76, Artesa Bohannon '81, Corbin Sapp '90, Wes Ward '92 and Bret Kinney '89 discussed a fall event for the chapter.

The chapter sponsored a pregame social at the Ramada Plaza Hotel in Winston-Salem before the UNCW vs. Wake Forest preseason NIT men's basketball game Nov. 12.

The chapter is in the process of reorganizing, and the association is anxious to see it become revitalized and offer programming to alumni in the Greensboro and Winston-Salem area. Anyone interested in being a part of this reorganizational effort can contact Wescott, chapter president, at 336.621.9492.

Triad Chapter president Aaron Wescott '76, back left, met with alumni to make plans for the November social.

Triangle Chapter

The chapter had its second annual Hurricane Party Oct. 28, bringing Triangle area alumni together to see the Carolina Hurricanes battle Los Angeles on the ice at the Entertainment and Sports Arena in Raleigh.

Fifteen UNCW alumni joined with Habitat for Humanity of Wake County June 30 to participate in the Darby Street build-a-thon project, when homes for 11 families with 28 children were constructed by volunteers. Despite the blazing sun, fellow Seahawks toted toolboxes, lunch coolers, sunscreen and plenty of water to the work

Tom Lamont '80 presented Triad Chapter President Lloyd Hinnant '88 with the Soaring Chapter Award.

site and assisted homeowners with interior molding, porch/deck work and siding installation. Bekki Bennett '91 hosted an after-party in Holly Springs.

The chapter, led by President Lloyd Hinnant '88, was named Soaring Alumni Chapter of the year for 2000-01. Thanks to all Triangle alumni who have participated in the chapter's programs and made this a successful year. This effort would not be possible without the hard work of many volunteers.

Under the direction of Meghan McCleery '98, the chapter cosponsored the Brookhill Steeplechase in May.

More information on the Triangle Chapter can be obtained by contacting Hinnant at 919.460.0200 or lhinnant@sprintmail.com.

Washington, D.C. Chapter

An affiliate chapter has been established for UNCW alumni living in the Washington, D.C., area. The chapter's inaugural meeting was held June 19 at the Capital City Brewing Company, and a second was held Aug. 22. Attending were chapter representative Cheri Arnott '97, '99M, Nancy Hoggard '80, '87M, Steve Cooper '90, Melissa Ramirez '97, Stephanie Mikos '97, Troy Furbay '89, Robert Lill '88 and current student Katie Russell.

They discussed ways to help UNCW students obtain internships and find housing. One idea was to create a database posting internship opportunities.

Since the Sept. 11 national tragedy, several chapter members have participated in candlelight services in the Washington area and are looking for a way to support the recovery effort for victims and their families.

For more information on the chapter, contact Arnott at carnott_tx@hotmail.com.

Watson School of Education Chapter

The chapter is challenging the school of nursing chapter to see which has the most members attending the Feb. 2 social following the UNCW-Hofstra basketball game. Call the alumni office to register.

As an outgrowth of its mentor program, the chapter hosted a "Difficult Parent Conference" in October. Hugh McManus, principal of Topsail High School, led the program.

Dean Cathy Barlow addressed the chapter at an Oct. 27 brunch and updated members on the new building and plans to develop a museum quality display recognizing alumni.

Diane Evers '81M was elected to a second term as chapter president at the spring meeting in May. Under her leadership, the chapter hopes to expand its mentoring program for school of education interns, increase participation of teaching alumni and provide more social opportunities for alumni.

Susan Yosmin-Smith, with her son, accepts the Watson School's scholarship award from committee chair Ann Grose '90 and chapter president Diane Evers '81M.

The chapter is seeking nominations for its 2002 Distinguished Alumnus of the Year award. Mary Herbert Gaddy '69 was the 2001 recipient. The chapter's 2001-02 scholarship recipients are Susan Yasmin Khakee and Michele Myers.

More information on the chapter can be obtained by contacting Evers at 910.791.6989 or beachinevers@aol.com.

Wilmington College alumni and retired faculty gathered this summer for a reunion cruise. Pictured are: Marshall Crews, Walter Biggs '51, Isabell Foushee, Tommy Lupton, Calvin Doss, Joanne Corbett, Tommy Brant, Mary Bellamy and Dorothy Marshall. Seated is Anne McCrary '56.

Wilmington College Chapter

As the result of a recommendation made by Marshall Crews and supported by former students and retired faculty at a reunion in June, a scholarship will be named for Wilmington College.

Crews, mathematics professor emeritus, made the pitch at the Wilmington College reunion cruise aboard the *Henrietta III*, as a way to keep the memory of the college alive for future students.

Initially, one of the alumni association's existing scholarships will be named for Wilmington College, and the group will work toward endowing the fund. A total of $25,000 is needed to establish an endowed scholarship.

Wilmington College alumni attended or graduated from the school between 1946 and 1969. Meetings are held the third Wednesday of every month at 11:30 a.m. at Jackson's Big Oak Barbecue on Kerr Avenue. Jim Medlin '52 is the chapter representative for the group. All Wilmington College alumni are invited to join.

Alumnotes

70s

Wayne Shew '71, professor of biology at Birmingham-Southern College was named the Ada Rittenhouse Snavely Professor of Biology. The endowed chair is named for the wife of the college's late chancellor.

W.R. "Bob" Page '73 was named Underwriter of the Year by the N.C. Association of Insurance and Financial Advisors. He was recognized for his leadership and unselfish dedication to the association. He has served as area vice president and association treasurer and is currently president of the N.C. Insurance and Financial Advisors Foundation Inc. He is a past chair of the UNCW Alumni Association Board of Directors.

80s

J. Stanley Hill '85 was elected president of the Triangle Chapter of the N.C. Association of Certified Public Accountants. He is a partner with Watts & Scobie in Raleigh. He and his wife Sherry reside in Cary with their three daughters.

Dorothy W. Andrew '86 is a therapist specializing in medical and mental health care with the Center for Integrated Health Care in Wilmington.

William Herrett '87, chair of the UNCW Alumni Association Board of Directors, was promoted to director of marketing and business development for MCO Transport Inc. His wife, Wendy Pence Herrett '87, is a classified advertising representative with the *Wilmington Star-News*.

Mark Tyler '87, vice president and business banking officer with Bank of Wilmington, completed the advancement management program at the N.C. School of Banking and received the North Carolina Bankers Association graduation certificate.

Ketcham

William Ketcham '88M was elected senior vice president at First Citizens Bank. He is the recruitment manager in the human resources department and is based in Raleigh

Lynn

Judy Lynn '89 was elected senior vice president at First Citizens Bank in Raleigh. She is a senior underwriter in the business central underwriting department.

A certified public accountant with Pittard Perry & Crone Inc., C. Dean Horne '85 earned the designation "certified valuation analyst" from the National Association of Certified Valuation Analysts.

Horne

90s

Ronda Hall Hatcher '90 is pursuing a master's degree in school administration as a dual-enrollment student at UNC Pembroke and East Carolina University. She teaches Spanish at Richmond Senior High School and resides with her husband Robert and their two boys in Rockingham.

Kesler

David Kesler Jr. '90 was elected senior vice president at First Citizens Bank in Morehead City. He is a commercial banking manager for Carteret County. David is chair of East Carolina Community Development Inc. Board of Directors, a member of the Beaufort Ole Towne Rotary Club and a founding board member and special events chair of the Boys and Girls Club of Carteret County.

Pamela Garner Walker '90 was promoted to director of public information with the N.C. Department of Correction.

A research associate with the Santa Barbara Museum of Natural History, Susan Christopher '91 received a $283,915 grant from the U.S. Air Force to conduct a "sensitive amphibian inventory" at Vandenburg Air Force Base in California. She also runs a biological consulting business and resides on a ranch in the mountains of central California.

William "Curt" Browder '92 and two teammates from the Pennsylvania Athletic Club Rowing Association in Philadelphia competed in the 2001 FISA World Rowing Championships in Lucerne, Switzerland. They made the finals of the men's pair with coxswain, placing fifth in the competition. He plans to continue training for the next world championships and for the 2004 Olympics in Greece in the heavyweight pair without coxswain division. Browder is an associate underwriter with INAMAR Underwriting Agency in Cherry Hill, N.J.

Eric Rei '92 was featured in a four-page article in the August issue of *Coastal Living* magazine. The story details his work as head chef for the Warner Brothers' television show *Dawson's Creek*. Working as his assistants are Jasmine Walton '98 and Eric Moon '96. He was also featured in an article in the September 2000 issue of *Celebrity Dish* magazine

Brett McLaurin '93 earned a Ph.D. in geology from the University of Wyoming. He is employed as a geologist with Vulcan Materials Company in Birmingham, Ala.

Jennifer Johnson Hastings '94 is pursuing a master of science degree in nutrition and a master of public health degree at Tufts University.

Chad Rumney '94 is assigned to the New York field office of the U.S. Secret Service. He resides in Milford, Pa., with his wife, Misty.

Michelle Goins Yelverton '94 earned a master of science degree with a concentration in nurse anesthesia from Georgetown University. She is a certified registered nurse anesthetist at New Hanover Regional Medical Center. She and her husband, John C. Yelverton '95, live in Wilmington.

Angela Arno '95 was a member of the five-person team that founded SendAMERICA Inc., an Internet retailer specializing in handcrafted, American-made gifts and a subsidiary of Vermont Teddy Bear Company. As merchandise manager, Arno travels extensively looking for new products, and splits her free time between homes in Shelburne, Vt., and Montreal, Quebec.

Brian C. Etheridge '95 of Raleigh was named director of the Independent College Fund of North Carolina. This fund raises corporate and individual contributions to provide scholarships for students attending North Carolina's 36 independent colleges and universities.

Nancy Schulz '95 is outreach coordinator for the Coastal Land Trust based in Wilmington

Angie L. Lawrence '96 is working in the conservation department at the National Aquarium in Baltimore.

Elaine Duck '97 is director of research with the Charlotte Chamber of Commerce.

Kia Hendrix '97 of Myrtle Beach is a critical care registered nurse in the surgical trauma intensive care unit at Grand Strand Regional Medical Center. She is pursuing a master of business administration degree through Winthrop University.

Michael Lardieri '97 of Wrightsville Beach is an institutional account executive with Coastal Discount Stockbrokers. He is in charge of establishing and marketing the firm's direct access trading platform to individual and institutional investors.

Chris Luther '97 is in the team sales division of Clark Sporting Goods in Fayetteville, covering a 17-county territory.

Ensign Jonathan D. Auten '98 is attending the Philadelphia College of Osteopathic Medicine on a Navy Health Professions Scholarship. He received the American Medical Association's 19th annual William Carlos Williams' medical poetry award. His work was published in the Journal of the American Medical Association; he received a monetary award and read his work at Kent State University.

Cari Lewis Sewell '98 has returned to Sneads Ferry with her husband Vance and two daughters after volunteering at a hospice/orphanage for children with HIV/AIDS in South Africa.

Angelina V. Stevens '98 competed as a member of Team USA in the ITU World Triathlon Championships July 18-23 in Edmonton, Alberta. She placed sixth among U.S. athletes and 33rd overall in the triathlon which consisted of a 15K swim, 40K bicycle ride and 10K run. Angelina is a full-time chiropractic student at Logan College in St. Louis, Mo., a certified spinning instructor, personal trainer and student representative for Standard Process Nutrition Company.

Summer L. Watson '98 is a marketing associate with PBS&J, an engineering firm in Tampa, Fla.

Shawn Shepard King '99 is director of marketing and sales for Air Purator Corporation in Burlington. She and her husband, John, reside in Charlotte.

Gregory Plow '99 has joined the Franciscan Friars, Third Order Regular, in Loretto, Pa.

00s

Jocelyn F. Dexter '00 is pursuing a master of science degree in human physiology at New York Medical College.

Emily S. English '00 earned a doctor of pharmacy degree from Campbell University School of Pharmacy and works for Graham Drug in Wallace.

Macri

Richard Macri '00 received the three-year $8,000 Cunningham Fellowship at Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University. In his pursuit of a doctorate in chemistry, he is conducting research to develop an anti-AIDS sper-

micide for women, primarily for those living in third world countries, to prevent unplanned pregnancies and the reduce spread of AIDS.

Erin Sabrinsky '00M passed the Certified Public Accountants exam. She is a revenue analyst with Duke Engineering in Charlotte.

Martin Smiley '00 is a senior sales representative in advertisement and recruitment for the *New York Times*.

Geoff Zuckerman '00 outlasted 19 other players to win the University of Alabama's Survivor on the Quad competition and take home a $1,000 grand prize. He appeared on the *CBS Early Show* in May to discuss the university's version of that network's popular reality show, *Survivor*.

Corter

An account assistant with Erickson Public Relations in Wilmington, **Hilary Carter '01** was recognized for Best Academic Performance during a four-week international business and marketing seminar in Europe.

Jeffrey B. Whiting '01M of Wilmington is human relations specialist with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers in Wilmington.

Martin Jarmond '01 was one of five winners of the second annual John McLendon Memorial Postgraduate Scholarship Award presented by the National Association of Collegiate Directors of Athletics. He received a $10,000 grant for postgraduate studies in athletics administration.

Weddings

Angela Walker '82 and Dr. Daryl Warder on Aug. 25, 2001. Angela is a flight attendant and resides with her husband in Virginia.

Ken J. Williams '90 and Tiffany M. Wallace on June 30, 2001. The couple resides in Wilmington.

Michael A. Duncan Jr. '92 and Jennifer R. Chapman on May 26, 2001. The couple resides in Wilmington, where Michael is the president and creative director of Sage Corporation.

George E. Hardgrove '93 and Randall Cynthia Rodman on Sept. 29, 2001. He is employed by Lanier Parking Systems. They reside in Wilmington.

June C. Holder '93 and Leroy M. Stevens III on May 12, 2001. June is employed by New Hanover County Schools.

Carla E. Craig '94 and Richard B. Driggs on Sept. 29, 2001. Carla is a kindergarten teacher at Lakeshore Elementary in Mooresville, where the couple resides.

Kandrea B. Shipp '94 and Matthew J. Collins on April 28, 2001. Kandrea is employed with PPD as a clinical site trainer for the targeted research division. They reside in Wilmington.

Timothy E. Braden '95 and Katharine E. Bernhart on June 2, 2001. Timothy is a senior district executive with the Central Georgia Council of the Boy Scouts of America, and resides with his wife in Warner-Robins, Ga.

Cheri N. Davis '95 and **Glenn M. Lassiter II '97** on July 21, 2001. Both are employed by IBM in Charlotte and reside in Huntersville.

Laila R. McCubbin '95 and **Terry W. Jones '94** on May 13, 2000. They both work in telecommunications and reside in Paris, France.

Amanda C. Chafin '96 and **Frederick M. Hackler '84** on May 19, 2001. They reside in Wilmington.

Charles N. Crocker '96 and Miriam A. Davis on June 16, 2001. Charles is business manager at Crocker Marine. They reside in Wilmington.

Laura Hardin '96 and Michael S. Maultsby on May 11, 2001.

Rhonda M. Hathcock '96 and **Robert O. Studebaker III '01** on June 23, 2001. They reside in Wilmington.

Jennifer A. McLeod '96 and Ronald S. Edwards on Sept. 15, 2001. She is a special education teacher at Paladin Academy. The couple resides in Raleigh.

Virginia S. Newton '96 and John W. Cockrum on Sept. 29, 2001. She is a medical technologist at New Hanover Regional Medical Center. They reside in Wilmington.

Shelly S. Read '96 and **Alden Blake '93** on April 7, 2001. Alden is an account manager with Teksystems, and Shelly is an attorney. They reside in Raleigh.

Mary A. Ashley '97 and Mark D. Daniels on Aug. 25, 2001. They reside in Vero Beach, Fla.

Scotty J. Beshears '97 and **Dana G. McIntosh '98** on June 16, 2001. Scotty is with the N.C. Department of Environment and Natural Resources, and Dana is employed by Carolina Power and Light Company. They reside in Wilmington.

Ashley P. Davis '97 and Skyler J. Harman on Sept. 8, 2001. The newlyweds live in Wilmington.

Gary F. Lancaster '97 and Kerri B. Burch on June 16, 2001. They reside in Wilmington.

Megan K. Peed '97 and **Scott Laney '96** on March 31, 2001. She is president of Charleston Senior Home Care, and he is a financial advisor with IJL-Wachovia. They reside in Charleston, S.C.

Julie L. Rogers '97 and **Bradford W. Kornegay '97** on April 28, 2001. Julie is a registered nurse at New Hanover Regional Medical Center, and Brad is a medical sales representative with Mead Johnson Nutritionals. They reside in Wilmington.

Diana J. Townsend '97 and David J. Riggs on March 30, 2001. They reside in Maui, Hawaii.

Amy E. Upchurch '97 and **Eric D. Fales '01** on June 30, 2001.

Barron

Amy N. Barron '98 and Samuel P. Roper on June 23, 2001. Amy is a kindergarten teacher. The couple resides in Kennesaw, Ga.

Steffaney K. Batson '98 and Dale J. Cohen on Oct. 22, 2000. Dale is an associate professor of psychology at UNCW, and Steffaney is a part-time lecturer. They reside in Kure Beach.

Benjamin F. Branch '98 and Rian McManus on March 24, 2001. Ben is a student in the Midwestern University School of Osteopathic Medicine and hopes to open a practice in Wilmington upon receiving his degree. The couple resides in Downers Grove, Ill.

Virginia H. Rhyne '98 and James E. Davenport on March 17, 2001. Virginia is a case manager for Coastal Center for Developmental Services Inc. in Savannah, Ga.

Benjamin A. Romeiser '98 and Mina Takasu on May 26, 2001. Ben is a tax accountant with Martin Marietta Materials in Raleigh.

Channon A. Bass '99 and **Eric S. Lanier** on June 30, 2001. They reside in Boiling Spring Lakes.

Alison L. Bloodworth '99 and James R. Smith on April 28, 2001. They reside in Wilmington.

Cordelia R. Galphin '99 and **Jonathan J. Scott '99, 00M** on June 15, 2001. She is employed by SAS Institute in Cary, and he is employed by Dixon-Odom PLLC in Sanford. They reside in Apex.

Morgan D. Harris '99 and **Kevin S. McKoy '99** on June 23, 2001. Morgan is a member of the UNCW Alumni Association Board of Directors. Morgan and Kevin are both Realtors with Network Real Estate in Wilmington.

Laura B. Nelson '99, '01M and Dr. **Timothy R. Ford '96** on June 9, 2001. Laura is a reading specialist for the DeKalb (Ga.) County School System. Tim was the 2001 distinguished graduate of the Tennessee College of Veterinary Medicine where he received a doctor of veterinary medicine degree. He is enrolled in the veterinary residency program at Emory University. The couple resides in Atlanta, Ga.

Ann L. Pullen '99 and Joel B. Morton on Sept. 29, 2001. They reside in Wilmington.

Neely E. Atkinson '00 and **Thomas M. Poelling '00** on April 21, 2001. They reside in Wilmington.

Joseph B. Baldwin '00 and Anna J. Kiger on Aug 11, 2001. They reside in Wilmington.

Jennifer M. Freeland '00 and Keith Crawford on May 5, 2001.

Mary Kobsik '00 and **Andrew Moeller '00** on Sept. 30, 2000. They reside in Chapel Hill.

Kathryn A. Prestinari '00 and Howard E. Miles on June 23, 2001. Kathryn is an elementary teacher in Cary. The couple resides in Apex.

John D. Sumner Jr. '00 and Hannah M. Cheyne on June 30, 2001. The couple reside in New Orleans, La.

Cynthia A. Thomas '00 and Kristopher S. Parker on July 21, 2001. Cynthia is a teacher with Brunswick County Schools. The couple resides at Wrightsville Beach.

Angela N. Williams '00 and **Gary E. Trawick Jr. '01** on June 2, 2001. Gary is enrolled in the Loyola University Law School. They reside in New Orleans, La.

Sara E. Huntsman '01 and **Ryan T. Mansbery '01** on June 16, 2001. They are both attending Illinois State University where Sara is pursuing a master's degree in music therapy, and Ryan is pursuing a master's degree in music theory and composition. They reside in Normal, Ill.

Rebecca A. Hersey '01 to Michael Keenan on June 16, 2001. They reside in Wilmington.

We want to hear your news. Tell us about your new job, promotion, marriage, family addition or personal achievement. Send us the details, along with your phone number and e-mail address to UNCW Magazine Alumnotes, 601 S. College Road, Wilmington, N.C. 28403-5993 or by e-mail to alumnews@uncwil.edu.

Alumnotes

Births

To **Cyrus Huneycutt '87** and his wife Molly, a son, Samuel Hubert, on March 2, 2001. The Huneycutt family resides in Greensboro where Cyrus is a senior systems engineer for ASA/Aon Consulting.

To **Ray '88, '96M** and **Kimberly Spaulding Cockrell '00**, a son, Mason, on March 9, 2001. Ray is the director of recruitment and admissions counseling for UNCW. Kimberly works for Banner Direct. The Cockrell family resides in Wilmington.

To **Stephen W. '89** and **Susan Jarvis Deacon '90**, a son, Samuel Jarvis, on Jan. 11, 2000. The Deacons reside in Wilmington.

To **Michael R. '89** and **Margaret "Meghanne" Garris Hall '96**, a daughter, Genevieve Stourme, on Sept. 16, 2001. Michael is a high risk parole probation officer for Guilford County. Meghanne is a registered nurse in the burn unit at Baptist Medical Center in Winston-Salem. The Halls reside in High Point.

To **Noshima Darden-Tabb '89** and her husband George, a son, Treyton, on May 26, 2001. The Tabb family resides in Willow Springs.

To **Todd K. Hinson '90** and his wife DeAnn, a son, Cole, in March 29, 2001. Todd is a research analyst at Duke Medical Center in a lab that studies bone differentiation and development using cell culture and mouse models.

To **Scott Stephenson '90** and his wife Michelle, a son, Brandon Matthew, on July 4, 2001. They reside in Hope Mills where Scott owns D&S Express Delivery.

To **Mark Bieberich '92** and his wife Maria, a son, Christopher, on July 23, 2001. The Bieberich family lives in Brookline, Mass. Mark is the senior network consultant for Sycamore Networks.

To **Adrienne Vann Boyle Althen '93** and her husband Howard, a son, Jackson David, on Jan. 7, 2000. They reside in Mt. Pleasant, S.C.

To **Phil '94** and **Jodie Church Berger '96**, a son, Philip Edward Berger III, on May 3, 2001. They reside in Eden.

To **Michael '94** and **Lorraine Lasnier Moore '96**, a daughter, Karleigh Belle, on Dec. 19, 2000. The Moores reside in Barstow, Calif.

To **Carla Yackey Schauer '96** and her husband Paul, a son, Nicholas Braedon, on Sept. 27, 2000.

To **Kim Simpson Adkins '97** and her husband Alex, a son, Mason Alexander, on Sept. 27, 2000. They reside in Plano, Texas.

To **Michael '97** and **Marta Klesath Hosey '96**, a daughter, Brynn Olivia, on March 24, 2001. Michael is the conservation biologist for the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers at Falls and Jordan lakes. Marta received a master in toxicology from NCSU in December and is a biology instructor at Central Carolina Community College.

To **John '89** and **Kim McKeithan Golder '93**, triplets, Jack, Kenleigh, and Claire, on Dec. 15, 2000. John is a special agent with the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms. They reside in Wilmington.

Eric McLamb '78 is working with his alma mater in a multi-tiered entrepreneurial partnership that will allow his company, Ecology Communications, to develop and package ecology-related content from UNCW programs. These programs will be distributed on television, in worldwide syndication and on the Internet with UNCW credit and co-branding. Ecology Communications has also established ecologically related collaborations with a number of other institutions to provide support in authoritative content development, production and educational outreach. Among those are the University of California at Los Angeles School of Public Health and the Massachusetts Institute of Technology Center for Environmental Initiatives. You can learn more about the partnership at Ecology Communication's website, www.ecology.com.

Deaths

Sarah Powell Coleman '66 of Wilmington on Sept. 26, 2001.

Donnie D. Hardison '68 of Teachey on April 30, 2001.

John W. Blake '70 of Winterville on May 25, 2001.

William M. "Marty" Farrar '70 of Wilmington on April 3, 2001.

Nancy H. Wrede '77 of Wilmington on April 4, 2001.

Kevin W. O'Quinn '78 of Reston, Va., on May 4, 2001.

Gilbert F. Rieman Jr. '78 of Wilmington on March 17, 2001.

Earl S. Smith '78 of Wilmington on April 8, 2001.

Dorothy Kinlaw Hall '79 of Kelly on May 26, 2001.

Rev. Dr. Jerry L. Smith '79 of Little River, S.C., on March 12, 2001.

John H. Day IV '91 of Wilmington on June 6, 2001.

William C. Livengood '92 of Oak Ridge on Aug. 5, 2001.

Richard J. McKeon '92 of Alexandria, Va., on August 18, 2001.

Aaron B. Kiziah '96 of Wrightsville Beach on July 27, 2001.

Friends

Richard R. Deas III died on March 30, 2001. He was a professor of music and founder of the Wilmington Symphony Orchestra. Recipient of the Albert Schweitzer Medal in 1989, he retired from UNCW in 1992.

David G. Lindquist of Wilmington died on Jan. 3, 2001. He was a professor of biological sciences and curator of UNCW's research/reference fish collection.

Schwartz

B.D. Schwartz died on July 11, 2001. Schwartz served as a trustee of Wilmington College in the 1950s and worked to expand the college to a four-year institution, to move it from Isaac Bear Hall to its current College Road location and to see it transformed to the University of North Carolina at Wilmington. He returned to university service in 1981 as a member of the board of trustees, serving as chair in his final term. In 1987 he and his wife, Sylvia, created a fellowship for UNCW graduate students. Schwartz Residence Hall was named in his honor.

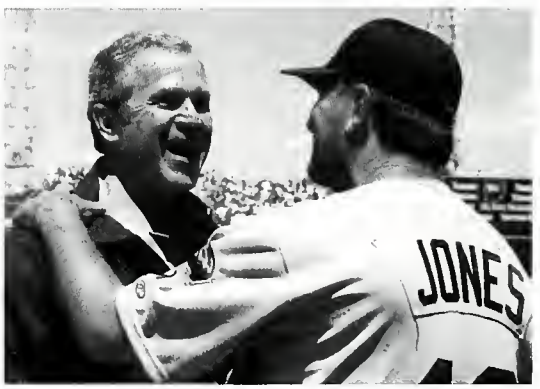

Photo courtesy Tulane University Sport Information Office

President George W. Bush was among those to congratulate Rick Jones '75, baseball coach at Tulane University, on his team's first-ever trip to the College World Series in Omaha, Neb. Jones was named the American Coaches Association/Diamond Sports Company Division I South Region Coach of the Year after guiding the Green Wave to its most successful season in history leading Tulane to a 56-13 record. Also named the Conference USA Coach of the Year, Jones is Tulane's second winningest coach of all time with a 622-254-1 record, and has taken the team to six NCAA postseason tournaments. Jones agreed to a contract extension to remain at Tulane. The new contract is for a five-year term with a two-year option. "My goals are the same as they have always been – to have a nationally elite program in an academic setting," said Jones, who completed his eighth season at Tulane in 2001.

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December

1-2 Holiday Candlelight Tour
Wise Alumni House

4 N.C. Symphony: Holiday Pops
8 p.m. Kenan Auditorium

9 Alumni Board Holiday Party
6 p.m. Wise Alumni House

9 Wilmington Symphony: Holiday Concert
4 p.m. Kenan Auditorium

10 Wilmington Symphony: Holiday Concert
8 p.m. Kenan Auditorium

21 Commencement
9:45 a.m. Trask Coliseum

22-31 Holiday Break
UNCW Offices Closed

January

1 New Years Day
UNCW offices closed

8 Past Chairs' Council
6 p.m. Wise Alumni House

10 Alumni Board Nominations Due

12 Alumni Board Meeting
9 a.m. Wise Alumni House

12 Pregame Social
5 p.m. Hawk's Nest

18 UNCW Board of Trustees
8:30 a.m. Madeline Suite

18 Alumni Awards Dinner
6:30 p.m. Warwick Center Ballroom

18 Young Alumni Council Social
9 p.m. Front Street Brewery

HOMECOMING

Bookstore Open
9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

5K Run
9 a.m. Student Recreation Center

Drop-in Lunch
11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Wise Alumni House

AAGA Annual Meeting
Noon Center Stage Café

Walking Tour of Campus
2 p.m. Trask Coliseum lobby

Pregame Social
5 p.m. Hawk's Nest

Seahawks vs. JMU
7 p.m. Trask Coliseum

Homecoming Dance
9:30 p.m. Wilmington Hilton Riverside

19 Arts in Action: Jane Monheit
8 p.m. Kenan Auditorium

21 Martin Luther King Birthday
UNCW Offices Closed

22 Junior Etiquette Reception
6:30 p.m. Madeline Suite

February

2 Athletics Hall of Fame Induction
12:30 p.m. Warwick Center

2 Postgame social
7 p.m. Hawk's Nest

5 Leadership Lecture Series: Anna Deavere Smith
7 p.m. Kenan Auditorium

9 Wilmington Symphony: Classics and Pops
8 p.m. Kenan Auditorium

13 Alumni 50/50 Raffle
7 p.m. UNCW vs. William and Mary

15 Arts in Action: Eighth Blackbird
8 p.m. Kenan Auditorium

23 Pregame social
5 p.m. Hawk's nest

26 North Carolina Symphony
8 p.m. Kenan Auditorium

27 Wilmington Concert Association – International Sejong Soloists
8 p.m. Kenan Auditorium

March

1-10 Spring Break

2-4 CAA Tournament

13-15 Senior Salute
Warwick Center

16 Arts in Action: K. Sridhar
8 p.m. Kenan Auditorium

19 Leadership Lecture Series: Susan Stamberg
7 p.m. Kenan Auditorium

23 Wilmington Symphony: Ryo Goto
8 p.m. Kenan Auditorium

24 Wilmington Symphony: Children's Concert
4 p.m. Kenan Auditorium

29 Good Friday
UNCW Offices Closed

April

3-7 Azalea Festival

13 Stompin' at the Savoy
8 p.m. Center Stage Cafe

20 1960-69 Reunion
Bob King's Truck Center

24 North Carolina Symphony
8 p.m. Kenan Auditorium

27 Arts in Action: Capital Steps
4 and 8 p.m. Thalian Hall

27 Wilmington Symphony 30th Anniversary Finale
8 p.m. Kenan Auditorium

30 Past Chairs' Council
6 p.m. Wise Alumni House

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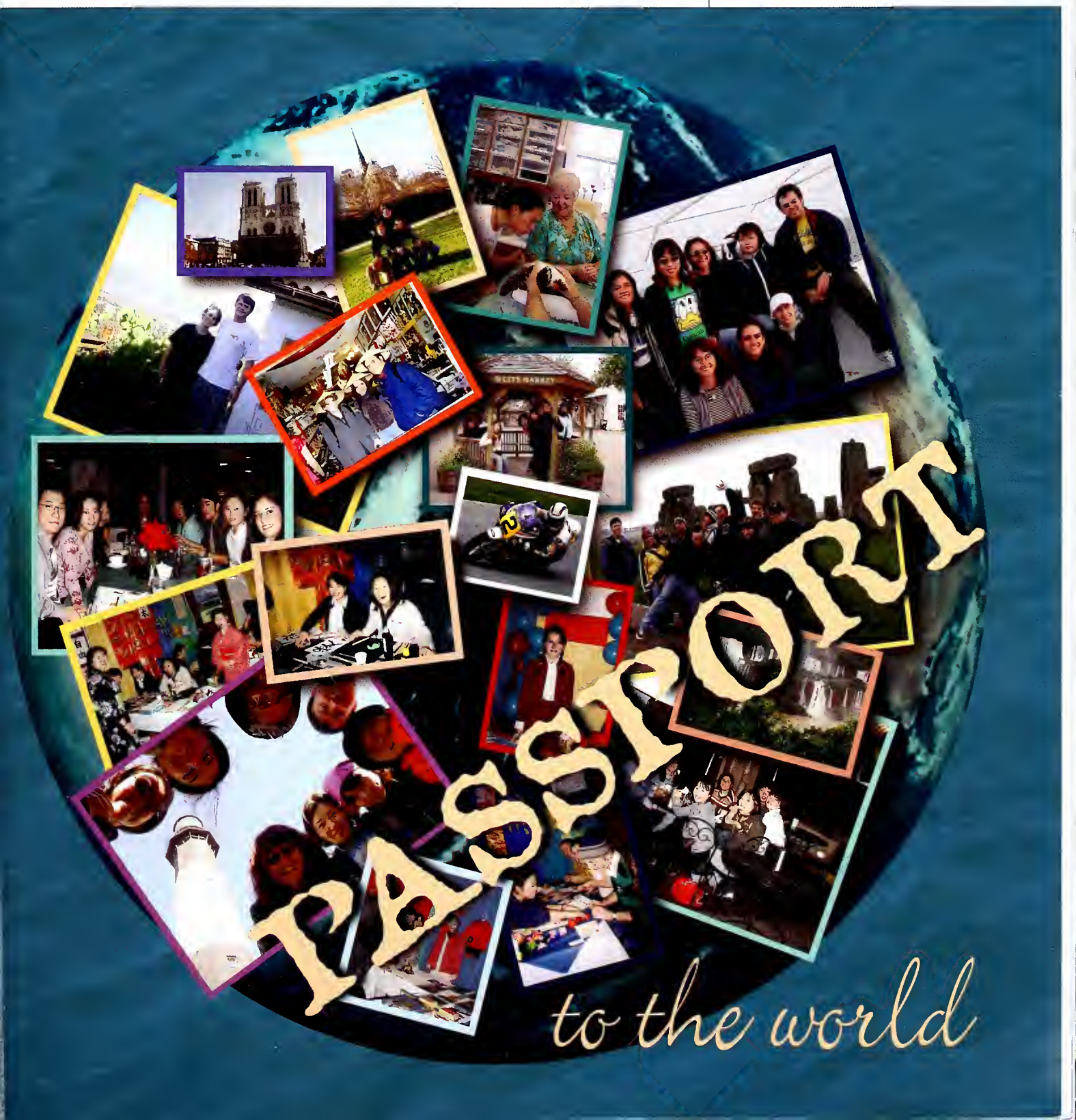

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18 Arts in Action: William Bolcom and Joan Morris*
20 Martin Luther King Holiday
UNCW Offices Closed
30 Arts in Action: N.C. Jazz Festival*

February

1 Pregame Social*
5 p.m. Hawk's Nest
7-9 Homecoming Weekend
7 Alumni Awards Dinner
7 Young Alumni Homecoming Celebration
9 p.m. Bessie's

HOMECOMING

5K Run*
9 a.m. Student Rec Center
AAGA Board Meeting
9 a.m. Warwick Center Room 138
Alumni Welcome Brunch*
10 a.m. Wise Alumni House
AAGA Luncheon*
Noon Center Stage Café
Campus Walking Tour
1:30 p.m. Trask Coliseum Lobby
Center for Marine Science Tour
3 p.m. 5600 Marvin Moss Lane
Pregame Social*
5 p.m. Hawk's Nest
UNCW vs Delaware*
7 p.m. Trask Coliseum
Homecoming Dance*
9:30 p.m. Wilmington Hilton Riverside

10 Leadership Lecture: B.D. Wong*
7 p.m. Kenon Auditorium
12 Wilmington Concert Association:
Hungarian National Philharmonic Orchestra*
15 Wilmington Symphony Orchestra: Classic and Pops*
21 UNCW Big Band and Combo Jazz Ensembles*
27-28 UNCW Theatre: Servant of Two Masters*

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March

1 Pregame Social*
5 p.m. Hawk's Nest
2 UNCW Theatre: Servant of Two Masters*
2 p.m. Kenon Auditorium
3 UNCW Concert Band*
7-10 CAA Tourrnament
Richmond, Va.
8-16 Spring Break
8 Wilmington Concert Association: Carolina Ballet*
18 Arts in Action: Eileen Ivers*
21 Wilmington Concert Association: Alisa Weilerstein*
22 Wilmington Symphony: Invitation to the Dance*
23 Wilmington Symphony: Family Concert*
4 p.m. Kenon Auditorium
24 Leadership Lecture: Dr. Kay Redfield Jamison*
7 p.m. Kenan Auditorium
26-27 Cameron School of Business Week
28 Jazz Festival featuring Ralph Bowen and Quartet*
8 p.m. Warwick Center Ballroom

April

3-6 Azalea Festival
9 Cape Fear Alumni Grand Slam Jam*
Brooks Field
11 Arts in Action: David Sedaris*
18 Easter Vacation
UNCW Offices Closed
19 Tribute to Benny Goodman*
26 An Evening of Opera and Musical Theatre
29 Past Chairs' Council

May

2 Last Day of Classes
3 Alumni Board of Directors Meeting
3 Wilmington Symphony Orchestra: Candide in Concert*
10 Spring Semester Ends
10 Cape Fear Chordsmen*
12 University Summer Hours Begin
17 Graduates' Breakfast and Commencement
17 North Carolina Symphony*
22 Summer Session I Begins
26 Memorial Day
UNCW Offices Closed

June

7 Wilmington College 1946-69 Reunion*
North Carolina Aquarium at Fort Fisher

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Campus Digest

Awards given for teaching excellence

Timothy Ballard, Joanne Rockness and Brad Walker are UNCW's 2002 Distinguished Teaching Professors.

Brad Walker, associate professor of curricular studies, was honored as the university's top teacher at the fall faculty meeting when he received both the UNCW Board of Trustees Teaching Excellence Award and a Distinguished Teaching Professorship. He received a one-time stipend of $1,500 for the first honor and a three-year $5,000 stipend for the second, as well as medallions for each award.

Timothy Ballard, associate professor of biological sciences, and Joanne Rockness, professor of accountancy and business law, were also honored with Distinguished Teaching Professorships.

The Award for Faculty Scholarship, which includes $1,500 and a plaque, was presented to William Cooper, professor of chemistry.

Chancellor's Teaching Excellence Awards went to Robert Blundo, social work; Deborah Brunson, communication studies; Michael Messina, chemistry; Charles Earney, accountancy and business law; and Hengameh Kermani, curricular studies. Janet Ellerby, English, received the Graduate Mentor Award.

Hosier appointed interim provost, vice chancellor

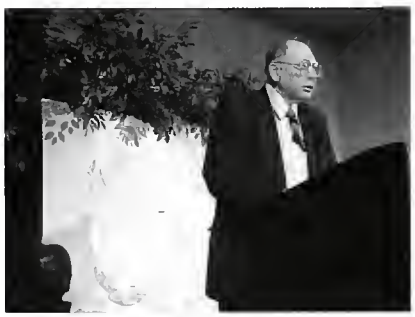
Paul Hosier, associate vice chancellor for academic affairs, was named interim provost and vice chancellor for academic affairs following the resignation of John C. Cavanaugh who left in July to assume the presidency of the University of West Florida.

"Dr. Hosier's knowledge and experience in budgetary matters will prove valuable to the university during the state's current financial crisis," said Chancellor James R. Leutze. "As public funding for education continues to decrease, Dr. Hosier's charge is to sustain UNCW's quality academic offerings that our students and their parents have come to expect from the South's leading public comprehensive university."

Paul Hosier

As provost and vice chancellor for academic affairs, Hosier reports directly to the chancellor and oversees the academic units of the university; in addition he is a professor of biology. He holds a bachelor's degree from the State University of New York at New Paltz, a master's degree from the University of Massachusetts and a Ph.D. from Duke University. He joined UNCW in 1972.

Gerald Shinn honored as first Schweitzer lecturer



Gerald Shinn stands at the podium before an image of Albert Schweitzer.

Gerald Shinn, professor emeritus of philosophy and religion, delivered the inaugural lecture of the Albert Schweitzer Honors Scholars program.

Albert Schweitzer Honors Scholars was endowed following the dissolution of the Albert Schweitzer International Prizes Inc., which was founded by Shinn and first presented on the campus of UNCW in 1975.

Each year, students in the UNCW Honors Scholars Program will nominate an individual from the Cape Fear area to be named the Albert Schweitzer Honors Scholar who will lecture to the honors scholars' freshman seminar class in the fall semester. The nominee will exemplify Schweitzer's attributes or interests.

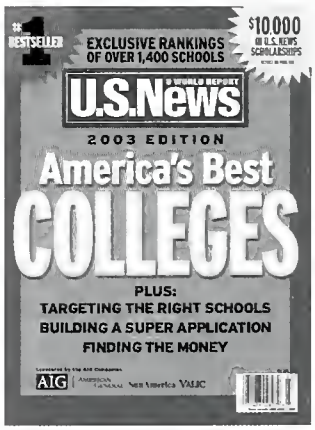
Shinn was recognized as founder of the Schweitzer prizes and the UNCW Museum of World Cultures. He is the only UNCW professor to be honored with the O. Max Gardner award, the highest faculty honor presented by the UNC Board of Governors.

UNCW retains high ranking for fifth year

For the fifth consecutive year, UNC Wilmington has retained its place among the top 10 public universities in the South in college rankings by *U.S.News & World Report*.

Among the public universities in the South, UNCW is ranked seventh behind James Madison University, The Citadel, Appalachian State University, College of Charleston, Murray State University and UNC Charlotte. Among both public and private institutions in the South, UNCW was number 24 out of 130 institutions.

UNCW is in the "universities-master's" category which includes institutions that provide a full range of undergraduate and master's level programs, but few, if any doctoral programs. The ranking system is



based on seven categories: peer assessment, graduation and student retention rates, faculty resources, student selectivity, financial resources and alumni giving.

UNCW's reputation for academic excellence continues to improve as it becomes the university of choice for a growing number of high school students; 7,650 students applied for admission this fall. Among the 1,644 new freshmen in this fall's class, the average SAT score was 1106 and their average GPA was 3.63.

Campus working to improve diversity

If UNCW is to attain true educational diversity, a broad and bold commitment is needed from trustees, administrators, faculty, staff and students.

The blue ribbon task force which this fall explored diversity issues on campus offered 61 broad-ranging recommendations that, if implemented, will "profoundly and positively improve the educational, social, and cultural climate on campus." Lloyd V. Hackley, chancellor emeritus, Fayetteville State University; E.K. Fretwell, chancellor emeritus, UNC Charlotte; Edward B. Fort, chancellor and professor, NC A&T State University; and Joseph Oxendine, chancellor emeritus, UNC Pembroke, served on the task force.

In its report, the task force noted that UNCW's efforts to recruit students and faculty are "disjointed;" the campus climate for incoming minorities is not supportive; and that rising academic standards have led some students to perceive that the university is interested only in students with high SAT scores, GPAs and class rank.

It also said staffing patterns and student enrollment at UNCW do not adequately reflect the diversity of the state or the region; that ethnic minority personnel predominate at the lowest responsibility and consequently, the lowest salary levels; and that campus social and entertainment activities fail to present an adequate range of diversity.

Recommendations included:

- Creating a new position – an associate provost for diversity – to facilitate minority faculty recruitment.
- Establishing a Commission on Diversity to develop a five-year comprehensive plan.
- Hiring retired public school teachers as minority student recruiters and two minority graduates to work full-time as admission staffers for a year.

Michelle Howard-Vital, vice chancellor for public service and continuing studies, and Melton McLaurin, associate provost, are heading up a committee to review the recommendations, facilitate ongoing campus-wide consideration of the recommendations and identify specific strategies to systematically improve overall campus diversity. They will examine best practices, convene specific campus groups and forums to explore attitudes and assumptions and conduct a survey concerning diversity issues. Their report will be made April 1.

A copy of the report can be obtained online at www.uncw.edu/Univ_planning/commission_diversity_report.pdf/

Pictured with Marshall Crews, center, are past alumni chairs Shanda Bardeaux, Becky Blackmore, Jim Stasias, daughter Phyllis Vaughn, alumni chair Ray Cockrell and Margaret Crews.

Shoppers support UNCW students

UNCW is getting double the dollars in a pilot partnership formed with Harris Teeter.

The grocery store chain this fall expanded its "Together in Education" program to include UNCW, its first collegiate partner.

Students, faculty, staff, alumni, parents, grandparents and friends can link their Harris Teeter VIC cards to the program by giving the cashier the UNCW account code – 5034 – and two percent of their store brand or private label purchases will be credited to UNCW.

"The funds provided by this partnership will be used to enrich campus life for our students," said Pat Leonard, vice chancellor for student affairs. "Students will be actively involved in making recommendations regarding how the money should be used."

Pictured are Steve Sutton '84, manager of the College Road store; Dan Marett, district manager and UNCW alumnus; Pat Leonard, vice chancellar; and Fred Marganthall, Harris Teeter president.

Harris Teeter is also matching funds raised in the program to benefit the N.C. Teachers Legacy Hall, a museum focusing on the contributions of the state's teachers that will be a focal point in the $14-million, 85,000-square-foot education facility under construction. To kick off the partnership, Harris Teeter president Fred J. Morganthall presented UNCW with a $10,000 gift to the hall.

Harris Teeter customers at any of its 142 retail stores in North and South Carolina, Virginia, Georgia, Tennessee and Florida may designate the UNCW code and participate in the program.

Porterfield gets inaugural Crews Faculty Award

An extraordinary leader who brings out the best in her students, Rebecca Porterfield was the recipient of the inaugural J. Marshall Crews Distinguished Faculty Award.

The award was created by the Past Chair's Council of the UNCW Alumni Association and is named for Crews who joined Wilmington College in 1948 and served the college and university for more than 30 years. In addition to teaching mathematics, he was an academic dean, registrar and admissions director prior to his retirement in 1981.

"When the committee received Dr. Crews' nomination for the award, we concluded that he was too important to the history of the university to honor with a one-time award," said Judge Rebecca Blackmore '75, council chair.

Porterfield is associate vice chancellor for academic affairs and Cameron School of Business professor.

Nominees for the J. Marshall Crews Distinguished Faculty Award must be or have been a full-time faculty member at the university for a minimum of seven years. Nominations are accepted from university faculty, staff or students as well as alumni and members of the community. The winner receives a medallion and a $500 cash stipend.

Campus Digest

First doctoral degree authorized

When UNCW this spring received authorization to offer its first doctorate, it became the statewide leader in marine biology education.

UNCW is the only university in North Carolina, and one of only three along the entire East Coast, to offer a Ph.D. in marine biology. For years the university has been ranked among the top five nationally for its undergraduate marine biology program.

Building a world class program hasn't been easy or without controversy. As the university pushed for the doctorate, officials fought opposition from NC. State (with whom it offers a cooperative Ph.D. in marine science) and UNC, as well as UNC's Office of the President.

"Approval of the doctoral program in marine biology is the crowning achievement and ultimate recognition for the long and dedicated efforts by the faculty," said John Cavanaugh, who was provost and vice chancellor for academic affairs when the program was approved.

Doctoral training will be offered in four major areas of research interest: coastal and estuarine biology, crustacean biology, marine mammalogy and molecular genetics and systematics of marine organisms. In essence, it will be a doctoral program in biology as applies to organisms that live in estuarine and marine environments.

Three students are currently enrolled.

SpinNC.org a unique community resource

Whether it's finding child care, locating home health providers for an aging parent or using electronic language translation, the Southeast Public Interest Network of North Carolina (SpinNC) provides a variety of information and referral services in collaboration with more than 450 agencies in a free and easily accessible manner to anyone with an Internet connection.

This powerful database is the only one of its kind in the country and has the potential to be a national model for other universities interested in serving their regions. SpinNC works in affiliation with the UNCW Division for Public Service and Continuing Studies to improve regional access to information technology.

In addition to the community resource directory, spinnc.org includes a business directory, nonprofit tools and three localized editions for the greater Wilmington, Jacksonville and Fayetteville areas, as well as the regional edition for Southeastern North Carolina. Each of these editions features a calendar of events tailored to each area.

SpinNC is a community networking effort that originated from public/private collaboration between UNCW, a regional Internet provider and a number of educational and non-profit organizations. Funding totaling $127,000 was provided by the Governor's Crime Commission, the Cape Fear Memorial Foundation and the Z. Smith Reynolds Foundation.

Howell gets Walk of Fame star

The founder of UNCW's Art Department was honored posthumously in June with a star on the Celebrate Wilmington! Walk of Fame.

Claude Howell had a long career as a stenographer with Atlantic Coast Railroad. But after he left his day job, he painted, creating almost 3,000 works of art reflecting his distinctive style that illustrated the coastal lifestyle. He began teaching night classes at Wilmington College in 1953 and two years later he founded the Art Department and chaired it for the next 25 years.

He received numerous awards for his artwork and his work as an educator, including honorary degrees from Wake Forest University in 1975 and UNCW in 1983, and the N.C. Award in the Arts in 1985.

Howell died in 1997. His star can be seen on the Walk of Fame at the Cotton Exchange.

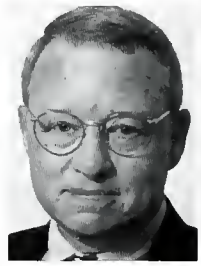
Plyler honored

Daniel B. Plyler was honored for 37 years of service to Wilmington College and UNCW with the renaming of M Street in his honor. He retired as a professor, but had the longest tenure as a dean at the university. Between 1970 and 1989, Plyler served three years as chair of biological sciences, two years as assistant vice chancellor for academic affairs, three years as academic dean and 10 years as dean of the College of Arts and Sciences.

Two trustees appointed

Krista S. Tillman

Charlotte executive Krista S. Tillman was appointed to the UNCW Board of Trustees by the UNC Board of Governors; her term expires June 2003.



John McNeill Jr.

Tillman, who is president of BellSouth North Carolina Operations, filled the spot left vacant by the resignation of Margaret Dardess.

John (Sandy) McNeill Jr. of Whiteville, was named to replace Owen G. Kenan who died in September. McNeill, who will serve until June 30, 2003, is chief executive officer of Liberty Healthcare Services.

A graduate of UNC Chapel Hill, Kenan, 58, was president of the Chapel Hill-based Kenan Enterprises and vice chair of the board of directors of Flagler Systems Inc., a family-owned business that operates real estate properties in Palm Beach, Fla. He attended UNCW in 1967.

Library home to Rotary archives

Rotarians around the world can learn more about one of North Carolina's oldest Rotary Clubs via a virtual museum hosted by UNCW.

Randall Library's Special Collections houses the Herman Blizzard Rotary Archives. What is known fondly as "Herman's Archives" resulted from Blizzard's meticulous collecting of local, national and international Rotary memorabilia that dates back to 1915 when Wilmington Rotary Club was chartered. Blizzard has been a member since 1956.

The virtual museum Web site – http://library.uncwil.edu/special/rotary – catalogues the contents of the collection and features significant items to make the contents available to Rotarians and other interested parties worldwide. The collection includes the original minutes of the first meeting signed by the charter members, an extensive collection of yearbooks of members, many with photos, loving cups, trophies, plaques and awards given to the club over the years.

Campus building boom underway

Ground was broken in July for a 263-bed residence hall and by November construction was well underway. Completion is set for August 2003.

The building boom is in full swing on campus.

UNCW has begun the largest construction effort in its 55-year history using its $108-million share of the higher education facilities bond funds to build three major academic buildings and renovate or expand 10 existing buildings and another $50 million for privately-funded and receipt-supported projects and renovations.

The three-story 82,000-square-foot school of education building is taking shape as steel is erected. Trusses for the building's atrium were set in December. Construction is expected to finish in April 2004.

Land cleared for the cultural arts building is being used as staging space for the adjacent school of education. Construction of this 110,000-square-foot structure is slated to begin in October 2003 with completion scheduled for fall 2005.

Planning is underway for the high tech computer science and information systems building, which will be located between the Social and Behavioral Sciences Building and the campus commons; it is also scheduled for completion in 2005.

In response to the university's growing enrollment, a new residence hall is under construction. The three-story, 263-bed residence hall is located next to the Honors and International houses and should be open for students in August 2003. In addition, the 13 campus apartments are slated for extensive renovations and will be completed by fall 2004.

Groundbreaking for the new student union building is set for spring 2003, with completion expected in 2007. The current union and Burney Student Center will be renovated. A covered colonnade will link these updated buildings to a new building that will complete the complex.

With expanded dining and retail options, a 376-seat theater and two-story bookstore plus increased student involvement and meeting spaces, this trio of buildings is expected to become the true heart of the UNCW campus. "We are very excited to be able to offer students more of the features they've told us they want," said Sharon Boyd, associate vice chancellor for business affairs.

Many other campus buildings will undergo either renovations or expansions over the next six years. Infrastructure systems in many buildings have exceeded their useful lives and need critical updating. For example systems such as electrical, telecommunications, fire safety, and heating and air conditioning will be replaced or modified across campus. Hoggard Hall, printing services and warehouse buildings will all be expanded to provide space to better serve the UNCW community.

For more information on the scope and status of the campus construction projects, please visit www.uncw.edu/ba and click on "Facilities, Police and Safety."

Capaccio director of Seahawk Club

Mike Capaccio, a visible figure in the athletic department since his arrival three years ago as director of basketball operations, was named director of athletic development and executive director of the UNC Wilmington Student Aid Association or Seahawk Club. He replaces Chris Delisio.

Seahawks get air time this season

In yet another milestone for UNCW's growing men's basketball program, Time Warner Cable is airing four contests statewide.

"We're extremely excited and pleased to partner with Time Warner Cable on this project," said Peg Bradley-Doppes, UNCW's athletic director. "Coupled with our conference television package, this agreement will allow our fans and alumni throughout the state and region to see many of our games this season."

The four contests, at 7 p.m. Jan. 15 and 27, Feb. 8 and 12, will air in 17 cities and communities across the state, including Charlotte, Greensboro and Raleigh. More than 1 million subscribers will have the opportunity to watch the Seahawks as they play three road games and one home outing.

Other televised games include: noon Jan. 25 on Comcast SportsNet Mid Atlantic and Fox SportsNet South; 7 p.m. Jan. 27 on Seahawk TV Network; noon Feb. 1 on Comcast SportsNet Mid-Atlantic and Philadelphia and Fox SportsNet South and New York; 7 p.m. Feb. 8 and 12 Seahawk TV Network; 2 p.m. Feb. 15 Comcast SportsNet Mid-Atlantic and Fox SportsNet South and New York; 4 p.m. Mar. 1 Comcast SportsNet Mid-Atlantic, Metro TV and Time Warner Cable.

The CAA semifinals will air at 3 and 5:30 p.m. March 9 on Comcast SportsNet Mid-Atlantic and Philadelphia, Metro TV and Time Warner. The championship game will air at 7 p.m. March 10 on ESPN2.

Graduation rate highest in UNC system

UNC Wilmington posted the highest graduation rate for its student-athletes among NCAA Division I public universities in North Carolina for the four-year class average, according to the annual graduation rates report released by the National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA). UNCW paced the UNC system in four-year class averages at 74 percent, followed by UNC Asheville at 67 percent and UNC Greensboro at 53 percent.

Joy Sisson, Alice Sisson, Bill Sisson, Penny Rushmore, Ari Sisson and Misha Sisson stand in the Sisson Hall of Exploration at the Center for Marine Science, named in honor of the late William E. Sisson. In 1988 Sisson donated a remainder trust to UNCW, which, following his death in 1997, was valued at more than $800,000. Proceeds from the endowment will support marine-related projects.

"Please come with a passport"

The international enterprise at UNCW

By James McNab

One week after the dreadful events of Sept. 11, President Jacques Chirac of France flew over the ruins of the World Trade Center with Mayor Rudy Giuliani, and remarked, "When you see that, you just want to cry."

Chirac's remark was typical of an outpouring of sympathy for citizens of the United States. The editor of Le Monde, a leading French newspaper, not always sympathetic to United States causes, wrote: "At this tragic moment in time, when words seem so inadequate to describe the shock we feel, the first thing that comes to mind is this: We are all Americans! We are all New Yorkers, just as surely as John Kennedy, in 1962, in Berlin, could say that he was a Berliner."

In less eloquent but equally heartfelt form, these feelings were voiced throughout the world.

In September 2001, some 50 UNCW students had just left the United States for a semester or year, traveling to far-flung destinations such as Australia, Japan, Germany, France, the United Kingdom, Spain or Ecuador, and many other places besides.

No matter the destination, come that fateful day in September, they were to experience on the part of local citizens an extraordinary display of affection and solicitude. In every case, national differences were briefly forgotten in a sympathetic alignment between the host country and the United States, now viewed as afflicted and vulnerable.

Although it was difficult to be far away at a time of national mourning, not one of these students chose to return home before completion of the program, and this is a tribute to the countries that received them, but especially to the resilience of the UNCW students.

In the intervening months, far from dampening students' eagerness to travel, 9/11 appears to have kindled it. A record 90 students spent spring semester 2002 on UNCW foreign-study programs, and, breaking all records, an astonishing 170 signed up for a summer 2002 study-abroad experience, including more than 40 on a program to Australia and an equal number on a study program to Spain.

UNCW offers students a rich panoply of study-travel opportunities, ranging in duration from as little as one week (spring-break trips to France, the United Kingdom, and/or Ireland) to as much as two years. Without exception, returning students consider the time spent abroad as the highlight of their studies, and indeed as a turning point in their lives, providing them with an extraordinary sense of accomplishment, and a new, enriched sense of what is possible.

As their numbers increase, and the word spreads, some of the myths that tended to limit interest in study abroad are being dispelled.

For example, while it may cost more to spend a semester abroad than in Wilmington, it is simply false to think that the cost is prohibitive. UNCW has exchange agreements with about 20 universities worldwide that allow our students to pay tuition and fees at home, not abroad. Room and board, which are paid overseas, typically cost no more than in North Carolina.

Another popular myth is that knowledge of a foreign language is required. To be sure, there are many sites with links to Wilmington where some knowledge of a second language is useful or required, including Paris, Bremen, Baden-Wurttemberg, Barcelona, Valparaiso or Nagoya, for example. But a UNCW student can go and live in Braveheart country next to a medieval castle (in Stirling, Scotland), or watch kangaroos bound across the campus (in Wagga Wagga, Australia) or surf spectacular waves (in Belize, Barbados, Wales, Australia, and soon, South Africa), in countries where the only language needed is English.

The range of possibilities is made still greater through UNCW's active participation in the statewide North Carolina Exchange Program, that provides inexpensive access to English-language programs throughout Finland, and New South Wales (Australia), as well as in Denmark and Sweden, and even Mexico.

If 9/11 revealed the darkest side of internationalization, and gave a new meaning and urgency to international education, the need to come to terms with the global marketplace in its more positive features has long been recognized in North Carolina. The state operates six trade offices overseas, including three in East Asia. North Carolina is a pioneer in foreign trade, and a leading exporter, ranking 13th in the nation, with machinery and electrical machinery holding pride of place among the state exports (total value about $5.5 billion), easily outdistancing third-place tobacco (total value about $1.6 billion). The state is also among the leading sites for foreign investment, with well over 800 foreign plants located here. In short, the state is a very significant trader in the global marketplace.

The UNCW Cameron School of Business has responded with energy and imagination to the new realities of instantaneous worldwide communication and transnational connection. Under the guidance of Dean Larry Clark, the school has made international expertise or experience an important criterion for the selection of new faculty.

Thanks to one of the most original programs in the USA, UNCW business

students can now spend two years in Wilmington and two in Marseille or Bremen and earn two degrees: one from UNCW and one from the French or German partner.

As UNCW increases its involvement with Latin America, it appears likely that Brazil will be a major new exchange partner, with a similar "2+2" degree program. UNCW already has two partners in Brazil, in Recife and Rio de Janeiro, while the state of North Carolina has signed a statewide agreement with Paran· province in the South of Brazil.

In another highly original and perhaps unique arrangement, the UNCW Division for University Advancement and the Office of International Programs have created an International Cabinet, made up of about 25 university and community leaders, including deans, the chancellor and provost, to advise the university on internationalization and to strengthen its commitment in this area. The International Cabinet is ably led by Richard Morrison, a retired senior executive with Eli Lilly and Company and Cameron School adjunct professor, who has held important positions in 10 different countries.

In February 2002, in an unusually ambitious program that coincided with UNCW's Intercultural Week, university advancement, the Office of International Programs and the International Cabinet, with support from former Graduate School Dean Neil Hadley and local corporation aaiPharma, sponsored a town hall meeting with four international experts that attracted a large audience and was enthusiastically received.

Earlier that day, in a dramatic gesture by College of Arts and Sciences Dean Jo Ann Seiple and Provost John Cavanaugh, UNCW classes were released to let students attend a wide array of internationally focused programs, including a panel discussion, "The Young and the Restless" with four young UNCW graduates now embarked on international careers. This ground-breaking move, which will become an annual event, grew out of discussions within the International Cabinet led by Associate Dean of Arts and Sciences Raymond Burt.

It is just one example of the fresh, creative thinking that has been generated within the body. In a new development, the International Cabinet will open up in fall 2002 to a larger membership, a 50-person International Congress, which it is hoped will further the international enterprise at UNCW with new ideas, intellectual and material resources.
Above all, the goal of which we must never lose sight is the provision of the best educational opportunities possible for our UNCW students.

In many ways, the UNCW students are well served. Under the stewardship of Elizabeth Adams, a nationally recognized education abroad coordinator, they are well prepared for the international experience. And the possibilities for such an experience, abundant already, constantly increase.

Soon, for example, in an alliance with partners NC State University, UNC Pembroke, Fayetteville State, and NC A&T, UNCW will lead a new program of student exchanges with a consortium of South African universities. The international community on campus, though small, is thriving.

The International House, 50 percent American students and 50 percent internationals, is a splendid visionary achievement, a warm and welcoming residence hall. The international students who come to UNCW are in excellent hands. It is not insignificant that Heather Smith, international student coordinator until late 2000, was named UNCW Employee of the Year, or that her successor and former assistant, Miranda Boykin, was honored in spring 2002 as Advisor of the Year.

With new ventures, inevitably, come new challenges. On the UNCW campus, many if not most regions of the world outside the United States receive but scant attention in the curriculum and, in spite of the new effort at internationalization, the foreign language requirement is scandalously, almost uniquely low (one three-credit course), and the selection of available languages pathetically meager.

It requires little prescience to understand the immense, growing importance of China or India, or the likelihood of their investing massively in the United States in the future. Brazil is a giant in many respects, and the geopolitical significance of the Middle East cannot be ignored. Germany is the biggest foreign investor in North Carolina.

But, in a time of straitened budget circumstances (and, if truth be told, even before) only Spanish and French majors are offered, while German, the only other modern language taught at UNCW, has a very limited array of courses.

UNCW is not all that different from most other public universities in North Carolina, and the paucity of foreign language offerings in 2002, which is often referred to as "the Chinese century" does not serve the state well.

UNCW is the envy of many campuses because of the unusually diverse and broad range of study abroad opportunities it can provide. Thanks to the ingenuity, good will and understanding of David Miller, Summer School director, both students and faculty are particularly well served in terms of summer school offerings.

It is often assumed that, because we send large numbers of students abroad, we have a significant endowment. But in truth, the number of UNCW students able to spend a semester or year abroad would increase dramatically if only they could afford the air fare, a major expense for a limited budget. The International Cabinet has begun a superb campaign to raise endowment monies. But the current reality is bleak when compared to, say, UNCG, UNCC, ECU, or Winston-Salem State.

In a world of international interaction, in which ethnic sensitivities and cultural protocols have to be understood, the need for campus diversity has never been greater, and is recognized and affirmed by every reputable educational authority, including UNCW. One vital component of that diversity is the presence of international students.

The international students at UNCW are wonderfully well received by both the UNCW and the greater Wilmington community. They are invariably delighted by

their UNCW experience, the beauty of the campus, and the friendliness of all members of our community. But they in turn help to make UNCW a place more reflective of the world at large, a world of difference and diversity.

The United States actually competes vigorously - and successfully - for foreign students. The reasons are both idealist and materialist. There are more than half a million foreign students in the USA, a majority of whom is supported financially by their families at home. They represent some of the best and brightest, and in many graduate programs, the great majority of the best and the brightest. They make a very substantial contribution to local economies through tuition payments and cost of living expenditures.

Of the 7,900 international students in North Carolina, only about 100 alight in UNCW, as compared to, for example, over 850 at UNC Charlotte, which has identified international recruiting as a priority. This lack of international presence - think also of the lack of minority American presence on campus - does the UNCW community a disservice, and deprives the university of an important source of revenue.

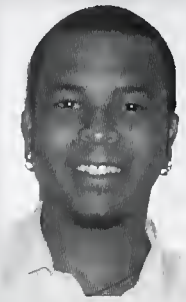
Nonetheless, there is every reason for optimism in a university - our university - that has begun to embrace the internationalist ideal, with university leaders who are fully supportive of taking on the challenge, and an International Cabinet that brings the ideas, experience, realities and wisdom of the wider world to a relatively small and relatively conservative community.

Perhaps we can look forward to the day when we shall require all entering students to come equipped with a passport and the commitment to make full use of it on the UNCW programs that we run throughout the world.

James McNab is assistant provost for international programs.

Three selected as Fulbright Scholars

Three members of UNCW's Class of 2002 are studying abroad after receiving prestigious Fulbright Scholarships. They are among a select group of 1,000 students nationwide chosen for this honor.

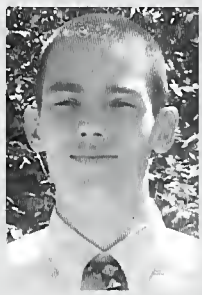


Evian Patterson

Emily Burnett

The Fulbright Program, America's flagship educational exchange program, is sponsored by the U.S. Information Agency and is designed to increase mutual understanding between the people of the United States and other countries.

Mark C. Kelly of Pineville, La., is studying farm-raised Atlantic salmon at the Institute of Marine Research at the University of Bergen in Norway.



Marc C. Kelly

"Norway provides the best availability of university course work and research opportunities. Few countries have placed a greater emphasis on ocean research and resources," Kelly said. The University of Bergen is on the cutting edge of mariculture research and has a large international student population.

"The Fulbright is a prestigious academic award. This was a nationwide competition for only 10 grants to Norway," said Raymond Burt, associate dean of college of arts and sciences and UNCW's Fulbright coordinator.

Emily Burnett received a Fulbright French Government Teaching Assistantship to spend 2002-03 teaching elementary school in the Aix Marseille academy. A double major in International Business and French, Burnett spent the summer of 2001 studying French and International Business at the CESEM-Mediterrannée in Marseille, France. Emily was named Most Outstanding Student in International Business 2001-2002 in UNCW's Cameron School of Business.

Durham native Evian Patterson is exploring the cultural and religious distinctions between the U.S. and the Middle East as he spends the next year at the International Language Institute in Cairo, Egypt, learning about Arab language and culture.

He received a bachelor's degree in philosophy and religion and aspires to complete graduate work in Islam and international affairs, earn a doctorate and teach at a university.

"I am interested in the historical interactions between the West and Islam, and the Middle East is the core for Islamic study," he said.

Fulbright Scholarships "provide a wonderful opportunity to represent America positively through academic study in many corners of the world," he noted.

Seeking "God on a good day"

UNCW searches for successor to Dr. Leutze

By Mimi Cunningham

After 12 brilliant years leading the university, in July 2002 Chancellor James R. Leutze announced his plans to retire mid-2003. Once the groans subsided, reality set in and in August the UNCW Board of Trustees appointed a 19-member search committee chaired by immediate past trustee chair Larry Dagenhart.

A native Wilmingtonian and respected Charlotte attorney, Dagenhart led the successful search for a new president at Davidson College. The search committee includes trustees, community members, faculty, students and alumni association chair Ray Cockrell representing alumni and staff.

UNC President Molly Broad met with the committee and outlined statutory requirements and her expectations. The committee's first assignment was to hold a number of forums to determine what UNCW needs and wants in its new leader. It also retained the services of a nationally recognized search firm, A.T. Kearney Inc.

In late October, a national advertising and recruitment effort was launched. The ad campaign made a conscious effort to ensure broad outreach. Advertisements were placed in the *Chronicle of Higher Education*, *Black Issues in Higher Education*, *Women in Higher Education* and *Hispanic Outlook*. In addition, 3,000 individual letters went out over President Broad's signature to chancellors and provosts of every comprehensive I university in the United States, as well as chancellors of public and private baccalaureate institutions and provosts of doctoral I institutions.

Some 135 applications and nominations came in by the Nov. 27 candidate screening date, and the search committee narrowed the list to the top 35 before the holidays. By Jan. 9, based on additional background information, including institutional profiles, the committee identified the top 10 to 12 candidates for screening meetings and interviews scheduled for late January. From that pool, the committee will select the top five or six candidates for formal interviews which will occur in February.

From this final pool, the committee will make its recommendations to the UNCW Board of Trustees, which in turn will forward an unranked list of not fewer than two names to the president. President Broad then will present her recommendation to the UNC Board of Governors, and they will elect a new chancellor for the University of North Carolina at Wilmington.

President Broad stressed the importance of keeping the candidate pool confidential in order to recruit and hire the best person for the job, although the composition of the final three or four candidates may determine the level of openness as the search nears its conclusion. The search committee will make that decision as the process progresses.

Who wants to be chancellor?

Who's interested in being UNCW's next chancellor?

As the search committee enters the phase of its work that will be done in closed session to prohibit the release of confidential information, Chairman Dagenhart on Dec. 9 released a composite picture of what the applicant pool looked like as of Nov. 27.

The committee received applications or nominations of approximately 135 individuals of whom 85 declared their formal candidacy.

Of this group of 85, 20 percent are sitting presidents or chancellors, 40 percent are sitting provosts, and approximately 20 percent ae academic deans, department chairs or academic center directors. Approximately 20 percent are from the non-traditional sector, representing businesses or public service organizations.

A preliminary review suggests that 20 percent of the candidates are women and at least 10 percent are minority candidates.

"Both our search consultant, with over 20 years in the higher education search business, and the search committee, were extremely pleased, both with the number and caliber of individuals who voiced interest in serving as UNCW's next chancellor," commented Dagenhart. "The strength and quality of the candidate pool is itself a positive reflection of UNC Wilmington's growing reputation as an undergraduate educational institution of note."

Much of the fall was devoted to institutional introspection and visioning, and soliciting thoughts and comments designed to spell out the characteristics desired in the new leader as well as to articulate the challenges that individual will face. In an inclusive and open process, all forums were open to the public and all segments of the university community and Southeastern North Carolina were invited to participate.

Area media coverage of the sessions reveals some of the flavor of the forum comments. In an editorial headlined "A leader for UNCW and the region," the Sept. 25 *Wilmington Morning Star* noted that the chancellor leads not only the university but "also plays an important role in the affairs of the region." The editorial called for an individual who is:

- an effective fund raiser who can attract the dollars that legislators and tuition don't provide.
- an able spokesman and advocate in Raleigh, academia and the community.
- an effective chancellor who can enhance the university's positive influence, while smoothing over the disagreements and frictions that occasionally arise between town and gown.

The lead paragraph in an Oct. 11 *Morning Star* article summarized the requirements for someone to get the chancellor's job this way: "Wanted: God on a good day." Search committee member and trustee Allen Rippy Sr. said the new chancellor will need to be "a genuine schmoozer."

Vice Chancellor for University Advancement Mary Gornto was quoted in a Sept. 24 *Morning Star* article saying, "The person has to be a cheerleader," and one who understands the importance of fund raising and the time it takes to cultivate donors. An Oct. 25 article reported that students want a chancellor who will include them in the decision-making process and who will listen to student concerns.

Another student called for a chancellor who is friendly, who will promote environmental awareness and who will be visible at campus events. The need for building greater diversity across campus was frequently mentioned at all forums.

Assimilating and synthesizing the many comments was done by a sub-committee headed by faculty representative Hathia Hayes, professor in the Watson School of Education. Two important documents emerged from this process: the text of the advertisement soliciting applicants and the Chancellor Search Profile.

"One doesn't often view a job search as a marketing opportunity, but in this case it is truly that because the university will be under scrutiny from a number of people considering a new position or being encouraged to seek a change," said Sam Connally, UNCW director of human resources and secretary to the search committee.

"The first part of the profile presents an overview of the entire university – our points of pride and areas of excellence, and it establishes the level of educational quality and achievement that the institution currently enjoys. Anyone interested in the chancellorship or who just reads this will come away impressed," he said.

Perhaps of more importance to the potential candidate will be the section that outlines challenges and opportunities facing the new CEO.

"The number one challenge facing UNC Wilmington over the next decade will be to develop and acquire additional resources," states the report. Other challenges include being technologically savvy, a champion of diversity and regional improvement, politically astute, grounded in intellectual achievement and a strong visionary leader.

Will we get what we want? Search committee chair Dagenhart responded this way: "After reviewing our candidate pool, I am satisfied we have several people who are well-qualified to do the job. Our task will be selecting the person who also is the right fit for the university, the community and the state."

As one who attended all the public sessions and listened to the search committee in its initial deliberations as it worked through all these issues, several observations come to mind.

The listening process has been a healthy one for the institution. I am struck that UNC Wilmington has emerged from this with a clearer internal understanding of what it has achieved and what a good institution it has become. I sense a new feeling of institutional pride and self-confidence.

One evidence of this is a consensus that emerged from the discussions – the search committee does not need to seek a fixer-upper or re-builder because UNCW is on the right path and what has been accomplished is good. Instead, the new leader should be one who can continue to move the institution forward without changing direction.

The process confirmed UNC Wilmington's core values and called for a leader who can buy into those values – commitment to the undergraduate educational experience, grounded in technological competency, concern for the environment, regional engagement, and internationalization.

For me, the most telling affirmation of the process is my conviction that Chancellor Jim Leutze's most enduring legacy is that he leaves this institution on such a high plain that it will attract and hire, if not a Leutze clone, at least God on a good day.

Mimi Cunningham is special assistant to the chancellor for university relations. This is the second chancellor's search she has witnessed at UNCW.

Chancellor Search Timeline

2002

July 19 – Leutze announces retirement plans
August 21 – Search committee appointed and charged
September-October – Public input received and search criteria established
November – Nationwide advertisement and recruitment occur
November 27 – Screening of applicants begins

2003

January-February – Meetings with candidates and narrowing of pool
March 3 – Special called meeting of UNCW trustees to receive search committee recommendation
March 21 – Board of Governors appoints new chancellor
July 1 – New chancellor assumes office

For a copy of the ad for chancellor, detailed search criteria, institutional profile, challenges facing the new chancellor, and comments received from the public, faculty, staff and students, go to http://www.uncw.edu/hr/chancellorsearch.

Professors study link between heart, mind

By Victoria Rouch

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Twelve years ago, a Corning employee came to UNCW psychology professor Antonio Puente's private practice looking for help.

The man – an engineer who had recently undergone heart bypass surgery – told Puente that during his hospitalization, new software had been installed at his workplace. When he returned to his job, he couldn't figure out how to use it.

Soon Puente began to hear similar accounts from other heart bypass patients who complained of post-surgical problems with short-term memory loss and impaired reaction time.

What Puente saw as a trend raised a disturbing question: Was there a link between heart bypass surgery and cognitive impairment?

The question led to seven years of research that seems to indicate a correlation between the operation and impaired mental function. The study – conducted and authored by Puente and Julian Keith '83, a UNCW associate professor in psychology – was featured in the July issue of *Neuropsychology*, a journal of the American Psychological Association.

Keith said the study's publication marks a rare achievement through academic and clinical cooperation.

"It's unusual for individuals in an academic institution to team up with surgeons and produce world-class research," he said.

But that is exactly what it took, although the study got off to a rocky start.

At first, Keith said he and his colleague could not find any heart surgeons willing to have their patients take part in the study. Then in 1995, Dr. Howard Marks of Hanover Cardiothoracic Surgical Associates agreed.

Photo by Mark Courtney – Used with permission, *Wilmington Star-News*

UNCW professors Tony Puente and Julian Keith '83 discovered a link between short-term cognitive decline and heart bypass surgery.

Using a $125,000 grant from the National Institutes of Health, funding from the department and some of their own money, the two psychologists began studying 39 of Marks' heart patients.

According to Puente, while the patients averaged around 62 years of age, care was taken to make sure the group was diverse.

"We wanted to be sure that what we were picking up wasn't related to age, gender or education," he said.

A control group of 55 similar subjects was also studied for comparison.

Using methodology developed by Keith, the heart patients were subjected to a battery of mental tests prior to bypass surgery. When they were tested again a month after the surgery, the findings indicated a definite decline in cognitive ability.

The tests, he said, showed what they had suspected all along. After surgery, the patients had difficulty repeating back items on a list that had just been read to them.

Computer tests also revealed that they had a decreased ability to transfer attention between incidents occurring simultaneously.

But the tests found something else researchers didn't expect: For many of the patients, the decline in cognitive development started even before they had the surgery, which made it worse.

"Since the '60s we've known there were some cognitive changes that occur after surgery," said Keith "What we wanted to find out is why?"

Now Keith and Puente speculate that often patients who experience heart blockages may also be experiencing blockages in other parts of the vascular system – including within the brain, leading to changes that may not be noticed early on.

The stress of heart surgery, which involves cooling the body and artificially routing the blood through plastic tubing, exacerbates the problem.

Puente further believes that dementia often attributed to Alzheimer's disease may be misdiagnosed.

"It may actually be caused by disrupted blood flow to the brain," he said.

Puente said he hopes the research will lead to a better understanding of the brain's vascular system and how it adapts to significant change.

The professors say they hope the next phase of their research will help them learn whether that system – if stressed – can fully recover.

Keith said he realizes that the participants may have suffered further cognitive decline due to the natural aging process, but he believes comparing the two groups again could be telling.

"If the decline of the slope is faster among the bypass patients, then it could indicate something over and above the effects of aging," he said.

Family honors Shermans' love of learning

By Karla Pollard '03

Imagine being 88 and retired and your love of learning motivates you to attend lectures, plays and UNCW's first College Day. Well, if you're Derrick and Virginia Sherman you don't have to imagine.

Photo by Karla Pollard

Retirement hasn't meant retiring for Virginia and Derrick Sherman whose love for lifelong learning motivated their children to endow a lecture series in their honor.

Earlier this year, UNCW's first endowed lecture series was established in their honor. The Shermans' gift came as a complete surprise to them by their son Phillip Sherman and his wife, Birgitta, and their daughter Ann Sherman-Skiba, and her husband, Gunther.

Education has always been important in the Sherman household. Derrick Sherman is only a thesis away from completing the course requirements for a master's degree from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. At the age of 74, he didn't want to spend long hours in the library completing the work.

Virginia Sherman received her degree from Mount Holyoke College in Massachusetts and in 1939 joined the American Association of University Women. Her involvement with the association, which kept her active in education through study and book review groups, grew. She served as president of the New York State division and then on the membership committee of the national association.

Mrs. Sherman said it all helped keep her mind alert. "You just cannot help it when you are in a group of educated women and you are in committees and so forth," she said.

Since the couple moved to Wilmington 14 years ago, Mr. Sherman has audited courses at UNCW every semester, except three or four. From their personal collection, the Shermans donated to Randall Library 400 books on British history and literature, plus biographies and autobiographies.

"I have always been interested in history. It is one of my best courses. The children have always been interested as well," said Mr. Sherman.

"Dumbfounded," "wonderful," and "how did they get it going without us knowing" are the words Derrick and Virginia Sherman used to describe their reaction to the news of the lecture series endowed in their name.

"We had the thought to honor our parents in some substantial way. Their lifelong commitment to education, the young, open-mindedness and such, suggested something in the educational area. The essence of education, of course, is the exchange of ideas. 'Bricks and mortar,' necessary as those practical things are, take second place in my view," said son Phillip Sherman.

Each year, a Sherman Emerging Scholar will be selected to present his or her perspectives in the fields of modern history, international relations, and politics.

"This is a major endowed lecture series because it comes with a significant honorarium. It targets up and coming scholars to use their venue to present their ideas about a particular topic," said Kathleen Berkeley, chair of the History Department which oversees the lecture series.

One of the reasons Phillip Sherman said the scholar had to be up and coming is because "my parents have always been keen on progress and change and young people in general. They themselves maintain a very 'young' perspective on the world."

The first recipient was Dr. Michael Doran, assistant professor of Near Eastern Studies at Princeton University. Dr. Doran's standing-room-only public lecture was on "The United States, the Arab World, and the Question of Palestine."

"I was thrilled to see the number of people there. I think everyone felt that he had given a marvelous lecture without even a note in his hand" said Mrs. Sherman.

Mr. Sherman believes history is a good foundation for almost anything one can do: "History is a good basis for any future activity, for any business. History stimulates thought."

Phillip Sherman said, "The objective (of their gift) is a living and indeed perpetual memorial that will support the university in its educational mission and the profession and teaching of history."

Karla Pollard is a senior communication studies major and intern with the UNCW Office of University Relations.

Creating an Endowed Lecture Series

A lecture series is one of the significant ways a university can serve its campus and the community by bringing in high visibility speakers to address issues of current concerns.

By endowing a lecture series, the university is given the luxury of being able to plan ahead knowing that funding is guaranteed and not subject to budget cuts. Endowments allow for continuity in programming that ensures a quality product and presentation.

Individuals wanting to endow a lecture series should consider a gift of sufficient amount that would provide annual earnings to support the lecture program and associated costs. The more prominent the lecture and its surrounding events, the greater the operating budget and the need for a greater endowment gift.

All university endowment accounts provide 4.5 percent spendable amounts based on the account value. This payout percentage is determined annually by the university board of trustees based on investment growth and income. The minimum amount to establish any endowment is $25,000.

University endowments provide for scholarships, fellowships, operating costs, program support and lectures. These and other types of support can be either annually funded or endowed for permanence.

For more information please contact Tyrone Rowell, senior associate vice chancellor for university advancement, at 910.962.3170 or rowellt@uncw.edu.

Thacker and Gumm recipients of 2003 alumni awards

Lt. Col. Darrell Lee Thacker Jr. '83 and Ronald H. Gumm are the UNCW Alumni Association's honorees for 2003. They will be recognized at a formal dinner Feb. 7.

Thacker was nominated for the Alumnus of the Year Award by his wife, Vicki, to represent "all those alumni who have served or are serving our country in times of peace and war." He has served in the U.S. Marine Corps for more than 20 years.

In September, Thacker completed his sixth overseas deployment to the Mediterranean Sea and Arabian Gulf while assigned to the 22nd Marine Expeditionary Unit based at Camp Lejeune. His unit, which supplies and sustains itself for quick mission accomplishment and clearing the way for follow-on forces, participated in several exercises supporting Operation Enduring Freedom.

Thacker's newest assignment is commanding officer of Marine Medium Helicopter Squadron 162, an aviation combat element for the 22nd Marine Expeditionary Unit.

Gumm was called the "ultimate community volunteer" by Pat C. Smith '72, who nominated him for the Distinguished Citizen for Service to the Community and University Award. Special events coordinator for Wilmington International Airport, Gumm is vice president of the N.C. Azalea Festival and has been active with Riverfest since its inception.

He touches the hearts of many through his volunteer efforts with the Salvation Army where for the past 14 years he has helped prepare Thanksgiving dinner for some 200 people.

Although he is not a UNCW alumnus, he supports the university in numerous ways. While advertising and public relations manager for Jackson Beverage, Gumm was instrumental in securing his company's financial and in-kind contributions to the Seahawk Club and alumni association. He also contributes personally to the Seahawk Club.

UNCW 1990-93 graduates recognized at homecoming

UNCW alumni will celebrate Homecoming 2003 on Feb. 7 and 8.

Throughout the weekend graduates from 1990 to 1993 will be recognized along with alumni from Kappa Sigma and Alpha Delta Pi. The Student Recreation Center and the bookstore in the Burney Center will be open to alumni Friday through Sunday; alumni shoppers can get a 10 percent discount on non-sale items by showing their association membership card.

The annual awards banquet, which is by-invitation-only, is at 6:30 p.m. Feb. 7 in the Warwick Center ballroom. The Alumnus/Alumna of the Year and the Distinguished Citizen for Service to the Community and University will be recognized. At 9 p.m. the Young Alumni Council will sponsor a gathering at Bessie's in downtown Wilmington. Alumni who graduated between 1992 and 2002 are invited.

Events scheduled for Feb. 8 include:

- The annual homecoming 5K run at 9 a.m. at the Student Recreation Center
- Complimentary alumni welcome brunch at 10 a.m. at Wise Alumni House, Market Street
- AAGA, the African American Graduates Association, board meeting at 9 a.m. in the Warwick Center, room 138, and lunch at noon in the Center Stage Café
- A walking tour of campus, led by student ambassadors, at 1:30 p.m. beginning at the Trask Coliseum lobby
- Men's basketball alumni game at 1:30 p.m. in Trask Coliseum
- Center for Marine Science tour at 3 p.m.
- Women's basketball alumni game at 4:30 p.m. in Trask Coliseum
- Chicken Pickin' pregame social at 5 p.m. in the Hawk's Nest
- Homecoming basketball game – UNCW versus Delaware – at 7 p.m. in Trask Coliseum
- Halftime crowning of the 2003 homecoming queen and king by alumni board chair Ray Cockrell and Cameron School of Business Alumni Chapter social in Trask Coliseum Room 142
- The homecoming dance at 9:30 p.m. in the grand ballroom of the Wilmington Hilton Riverside, featuring music by Papa Sol. Tickets to the dance are $20 a person.

To make reservations or purchase tickets, please contact the alumni relations office or go online at www.uncwil.edu/alumniandfriends.

Socials offer pregame fun for alumni, friends

Join your fellow alumni and friends before the men's basketball team hits the court at upcoming socials in the Hawk's Nest.

Feb. 1 – Pasta Night. The alumni association's professional school and academic chapters – Cameron School of Business, Watson School of Education, School of Nursing, Communication Studies and Master of Arts in Liberal Studies – will be recognized. UNCW plays Drexel at 7 p.m.

Feb 8. – Homecoming, Chicken Pickin' Night. The traveling alumni chapters – Triad, Triangle, Charlotte, Atlanta, Washington, D.C. – will be recognized. UNCW plays Delaware at 7 p.m.

March 1 – Mexican Fiesta Night. Special interest chapters – AAGA, Wilmington College and the Crew Club – will be recognized. UNCW plays VCU at 7 p.m.

All socials are held in the Hawk's Nest and the games are played in Trask Coliseum. Door prizes will be given at each event.

Admission is $10 a person. Children, ages six to 12, will be admitted for $5 each, and there is no charge for children five and under. Active alumni and friends who contribute $250 or more annually to the UNCW Alumni Association or Wise Alumni House will be admitted to each social with one guest for half-price at $5 a person.

Reservations are required and can be made by calling the alumni relations office.

13 awarded scholarships

The alumni association awarded 13 scholarships for the 2002-03 academic year to students who have demonstrated excellence in the classroom and their communities and who have a financial need. Each is valued at approximately $1,500 a year and is renewable annually if criteria are met on a continuing basis.

Graduate scholarships:

- Steven Todd Thomas of Charlotte was awarded the Lewis-Wiley Alumni Fellowship. Todd is pursuing a Master of Arts in Liberal Studies.
- Jenifer J. Murphy of Wilmington was awarded the P. Daniel Lockamy Jr. Graduate Alumni Scholarship. She is pursuing a master's degree in curriculum and instructional supervision.

New undergraduate scholarships:

- Hunter A. Coore of Vass was awarded the inaugural Jim Humphries Memorial Scholarship and is majoring in biology with a pre-med option.
- Megan M. Antes was awarded the Wilmington College Alumni Scholarship. A freshman, she plans to major in biology with an emphasis in pre-veterinary medicine.

Scholarship renewals:

- Sharon I. Duff of Holly Ridge received the Hugh Henry Fox Alumni Scholarship, awarded in memory of Wilmington College's first graduate. She is a junior majoring in elementary education.
- Jackie Roberts Casey of Shawboro received the Gerald H. Shinn Alumni Scholarship which includes a $500 book award. Jackie is a senior majoring in accounting.
- Brandy Garrell Turbeville of Chadbourn is a senior majoring in accounting and participates in the UNCW Honors Program.
- Cynthia Faith Thomas of Charlotte is a junior business major.
- Matthew Kunic of Wilmington is a senior double majoring in communication studies and political science.
- Andrea L. Cartrette of Castle Hayne is a junior majoring in English.
- Sandra Tatum of Hampstead is sophomore majoring in international finance.

Alumni scholorship recipients were recognized during a dinner ot Wise Alumni House.

Athletic scholarships:

- Kelly Bailey of Greensboro is a senior business major. She is a member of the women's golf team.
- Leslie C. Smith of Cary is a CAA scholar-athlete in swimming. She is a senior majoring in communication studies.

Scholarships are funded by donations from UNCW alumni and friends, as well as income from the UNCW Seahawk collegiate license plate program.

Young Alumni Council elects 2002-03 officers

Young Alumni Council officers are, from left, Kristin Grady Kilpatrick '93, vice president; Shanda Williams Bordeaux '92, secretary; Mike Young '92, careers and admissions committee chair; Tom Gale '98, president; Kate Tillman '98, programming and awards committee chair; and Elizabeth Fugate-Whitlock '00, technology committee chair. A career fair is being planned for March 26 to help young alumni with interviewing and networking skills.

Reunion plans are underway for Wilmington College alumni

Through the generosity of Bill '50 and Bob '50 Dobo and the North Carolina Aquarium, the Wilmington College classes of 1946-69 will enjoy the North Carolina Aquarium at Fort Fisher as the setting for their annual summer reunion.

Please reserve the evening of Saturday, June 7, for this special gathering. The reunion will feature a social hour, dinner and tour of the aquarium's new facility. Invitations will be mailed to all individuals who attended or graduated from Wilmington College between 1946-69.

Shuttle service will be available from UNCW to the aquarium. Please tell fellow classmates to contact the alumni office if they are not listed in our database so they will be sure to be invited to this very special event. For more information, please call 800.596.2880 or 910.962.2682.

Stay connected via e-mail

You can stay on top of news and events at UNCW by subscribing to the *Seahawk Spotlight*.

This monthly electronic newsletter is sent via e-mail and is available on the Web at www.uncwil.edu/alumni/seahawk_spotlight. A new edition comes out the 15th of every month.

If you would like to subscribe, please send an e-mail to alumnews@uncw.edu and write "subscribe to newsletter" in the subject line; include your name, address and class year in the text of the message.

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Your online gift is secure

Gifts to the association or to the university program of your choice can be made securely on the Web.

To find out more, log on at www.uncw.edu/alumniandfriends.

UNCW growth stimulates alumni programs, too

Cockrell

What an exciting time to be a part of UNCW!

Alumni are watching with great interest as the university experiences tremendous growth – in the number and quality of students and in the quality of academic programs.

UNCW alumni are now over 35,000 strong, and our membership grows significantly with each commencement exercise. Our alumni are represented in all 100 counties of North Carolina and in each of the 50 states. They are leaving UNCW and going on to do great things; however, the farther they go and the longer they are gone, the greater our challenge of maintaining contact with these individuals and the opportunity to keep them connected with UNCW.

One of the most important and effective outreach efforts of the alumni association is the chapter program. We have almost doubled the number of chapters in the association in the last 10 years and the board of directors recently expanded the program by approving two new affiliate chapters.

The association has chapters associated with geographic regions (Cape Fear, Triangle, Triad, Charlotte, Richmond, Washington, D.C., Charleston, Atlanta and New York/New Jersey); chapters associated with academic programs (Cameron School of Business, Watson School of Education, School of Nursing, Communication Studies and Master of Arts in Liberal Studies); and chapters associated with general interest groups (African American Graduates Association, Wilmington College and Crew Team).

For most alumni, these chapters are their connection to the university and the association's avenue for communication and contact with alumni.

A recent brainstorming session of the board revealed there is no shortage of creative and innovative ideas to engage, encourage and excite alumni to stay connected. The Alumni Relations Office receives frequent calls from alumni all across the country expressing interest in creating new chapters.

Our challenge is to foster this excitement and leadership potential with limited staff and financial resources. In addition to the chapter program, the association continues efforts in scholarship support; programming with current students; alumni, faculty, student and community awards; and our many planned events and activities.

You can make a difference. Your continued support of the alumni association will help ensure the stability of our current chapters and programs, and will help grow our membership.

I am continually amazed and encouraged by the dedication, commitment and success of our alumni. There are many positive things happening with our alumni and our university.

I challenge you to stay connected and to get involved. Keep the spirit and loyalty you have for UNCW alive. We are proud to be Seahawks.

Ray Cahill '88 & '96M

55th year brings new support for alumni association efforts

Happy Birthday UNCW! As alumni we grow more proud of our alma mater as the years go by. We are now 55 years old and happily commemorate the progress our university has made over these short years since the doors opened to our students. Yes, our diplomas have become more valuable as the years passed. Join me and your fellow alumni as we celebrate this special birthday with a gift of $55 or more to UNCW. We make a difference with our donations and support.

Some of the UNCW Alumni Association's good news will also impact what we are able to do to support our growing alumni base and student constituency. BankOne has partnered with our organization to provide a renewed bankcard affinity program that will provide credit products and related services to our alumni while providing revenue to the association for the next five years. We will use the revenue to support homecoming activities, the televised basketball package that will touch over one million viewers and about half of our alumni base. Other beneficiaries of our contract revenue sharing will be the Seahawk Club, athletic marketing and promotions for efforts such as Midnight Madness and multiple alumni programs. Go to our website www.uncw.edu/alumniandfriends for an accessible link to BankOne opportunities.

Jostens continues to be a valued partner as we offer first class alumni rings, watches, pendants, diploma frames and other alumni products to show off our UNCW pride. Visit our website or call Jostens direct at 800.488.2173 for assistance with your purchases.

Smith

Our alumni license plates have soared past the 1,000 mark. Thank you to all who sport them on your cars. By doing so you support our student scholarship program which annually awards 13 scholarships to deserving students.

Wise Alumni House continues to be a source of pride for alumni and the community as a whole. Plans are underway to replace the balustrade on the front porches, improve the interior and exterior lighting and to do a general "face lift" in areas needing gentle attention. Join us during Homecoming 2003 for our annual brunch at the alumni house at 10 a.m. Feb. 8 to see the progress that has been made since last year's events.

We look forward to a big crowd at Homecoming 2003 so mark your calendars, make your reservations, bring your dancing shoes and alumni spirit with you Feb. 7 and 8. It won't be the same without you.

With alumni spirit,

Patricia Corcoran Smith '72

Chapter News

AAGA

The African American Graduates Association sponsored its first December Senior Sankofa ceremony at Wise Alumni House on Dec. 19 for graduating seniors. The ceremony signifies the rite of passage from student to alumnus. AAGA's focus for homecoming is the reunification of UNCW's black organizations. On Feb. 8, AAGA's Board of Directors will meet at 9 a.m. in the Warwick Center, and the chapter will host its annual homecoming luncheon at noon in the Center Stage Café. Representatives from all black organizations in attendance at the luncheon will be recognized. The cost of lunch is $8 in advance and $10 at the door. The chapter is working on the Douglas Johnson Memorial Scholarship. Johnson worked in the UNCW Admissions Office and had a special relationship with many students. To become involved with the AAGA chapter contact President Wanda Corbin at 434.535.8507 or george@visi.net.

Atlanta Chapter

Atlanta alumni invaded the Georgia Dome in December to watch the Falcons play the Seattle Seahawks in a Sunday NFL game. Around 30 people came out for a pregame tailgate party, and the chapter's name was displayed on the huge Jumbotron scoreboard during the game. For more information on how you can be involved with the Atlanta Chapter contact Todd Olesiuk '99 at TODD.OLESIUK@morganstanley.com or Laura Medlin '93 at lmedlin@mfllaw.com.

Cameron School of Business Chapter

The Cameron School of Business Alumni Chapter started the 2002-2003 year off with its annual picnic Aug. 1 at Hugh MacRae Park. About 140 people enjoyed the fun and fellowship along with all the great food. Cameron School of Business alumni will be recognized at the "Pasta Night" pregame social at 5 p.m. Feb. 1 in the Hawk's Nest prior to the UNCW men's basketball game against Drexel. Cameron School alumni are also invited to the chapter's social Feb. 8 during halftime of the men's basketball Homecoming game against Delaware in Trask Coliseum, Room 142. Chapter member Melissa Blackburn-Walton '87 is serving on the School of Business Week 2003 planning committee. The chapter will sponsor student breakfasts March 26-27 and provide two panel sessions featuring CSB alumni. Cameron graduates interested in participating in the chapter can contact President Anne Johnson at 910.252.9492 or anj8000@aol.com.

Cameron School of Business Chapter leaders pose with Dean Larry Clark (second from right) at the annual Picnic in the Park event in August.

Cape Fear Chapter

Cape Fear Alumni were recognized Jan. 4 at the first pregame social of the 2002-2003 men's basketball season. Local alumni enjoyed the "Wing Fling" and other festivities before the Seahawk's game against Hofstra. The 10th annual Cape Fear Alumni Golf Classic is scheduled for April 26 at Echo Farms Country Club. Anyone interested in playing or sponsoring a hole for this major chapter fund-raiser should contact the alumni association office at 962.2682. The chapter is also making plans for its annual spring event, the Grand Slam Jam, scheduled for the April 9 UNCW baseball game against the UNC. For more information on upcoming events, contact chapter President Jodi Chilcote at jchilcote@manpowernc.com.

Elizabeth Fugate-Whitlock '00 and Ben Whitlock '00 joined other Cape Fear Alumni for an after work social at Buffalo Wild Wings.

Charleston Chapter

South Carolina alumni are invited to stay connected to the university through the Charleston Alumni Chapter. The chapter supported the men's basketball team Dec. 23 when the Seahawks visited the College of Charleston. We hope our South Carolina alumni will support the chapter and create opportunities to network and stay informed about the university. For more information on the Charleston Chapter, contact President Wayne Tharp at 843.886.7321 or jtharp75@aol.com.

Charlotte Chapter

One of the busiest chapters so far this year is in Charlotte. Members sponsored an ice cream social for incoming freshmen from the Charlotte area. They have held numerous "Alumni after Hours" social events and they were active in the community providing alumni manpower to answer the telephones at Charlotte Public radio station WFAE's fund-raising campaign. The chapter also hosted alumni from the Triangle area Oct. 27 at the tailgate party before the Carolina Panthers and Tampa Bay Buccaneers game; more than 100 people attended. Chapter President Sandy Saburn '89 and Rich Harron '86 did a tremendous job with the party and continue to make a difference for UNCW alumni in Charlotte. To become more involved with this growing chapter, contact Sandy Saburn at 704.643.0616 or ssaburn@yahoo.com.

Communication Studies Chapter

The Communication Studies Alumni Chapter has made a commitment to support the department's student organization – Communication Studies Society. Alumni participated in the student's public relations conference Sept. 20-21, and the chapter made a financial contribution to support their efforts. Communication studies alumni will be recognized at the "Pasta Night" pregame social at 5 p.m. Feb. 1 in the Hawk's Nest prior to the UNCW men's basketball game. The chapter is also planning its second annual Communication Studies Day in the spring. It will include alumni speaking to students in the classroom, a panel discussion on job opportunities at lunch, an alumni social and alumni supporting the communication studies senior banquet. If you are interested in participating in this year's Communication Studies Day or would like to be active in the chapter contact Aaron Oliver, chapter president, at aaron284@bellsouth.net.

The Charlotte Chapter flipped burgers on the grill for the tailgate party which was part of the NFL Adventure in October.

Crew Club

The Crew Club alumni chapter will hold its third annual reunion for all former UNCW Crew Club members during the 2003 Azalea Festival weekend April 4-6. The reunion will include rowing with current Crew Club members, a cookout and an alumni reception. For more information on the reunion plans, contact Bill McLean '92 at mclean6th@yahoo.com or 585.275.5596.

MALS Chapter

The UNCW Alumni Association Board of Directors in November approved the establishment of the Masters of Arts in Liberal Studies Alumni Chapter. It will be lead by Joanie D. Martin '91. Joanie said it's the desire of graduates of the program to support the university and continue connections with graduating MALS students. To become involved with the chapter e-mail Joanie at bus2bus@bizec.rr.com

New York/New Jersey Chapter

The alumni board of directors voted to create an affiliate chapter for alumni living in the New York/New Jersey area. Joan Clifford '86 of Upper Saddle River, N.J., has agreed to lead the chapter and expects activities to get started in early 2003. For more information on chapter events contact Joan at 201.825.3802 or cliff582optonline.net.

Richmond Chapter

The Colonial Athletic Association men's basketball tournament is returning to the Richmond Coliseum again this year, and that means the Richmond alumni chapter will be inviting Virginia alumni to a reception in March. This year's men's basketball tournament is scheduled for March 7-10. If you are interested in assisting the Richmond chapter with this event, please contact Sam Mintz '02, chapter president, at smintz@scottstringfellow.com.

Megan Parpart shared UNCW alumni information with her fellow nurses during the Lunch and Learn at NHRMC.

School of Nursing Chapter

The School of Nursing Alumni Chapter held its first Lunch and Learn Experience Sept. 18 in the AHEC Auditorium at New Hanover Regional Medical Center, with 45 people turning out to hear Dean Virginia Adams present "Century 21 Nursing Education Practice." Chapter President Megan Parpart '98 participated in a Nursing Career Fair on campus Nov. 18 in the Warwick Center Ballroom. Megan spoke to nursing students about how they can be involved with the chapter after they graduate. School of Nursing alumni will be recognized at the "Pasta Night" pregame social at 5 p.m. Feb. 1 in the Hawk's Nest. The chapter will also have a presence at Nursing Research Day April 4, Nurse's Week May 5-9, and the nursing graduation celebration May 16. If you would like to be involved with out Nursing Alumni Chapter contact Megan at mparpart@aol.com

Triad Chapter

The Triad Alumni chapter has a new leader! Aaron Wescott '76 moved back to Wilmington so he has passed the torch of chapter president to Jason Coley '00.

Jeff Mann '92 coordinated the transportation for the NFL Adventure.

Thanks Aaron for your efforts in the Triad. Jason hopes to have things rolling in the Triad Chapter in early 2003 and invites all area alumni to give him input on what kinds of activities they would like to see the chapter offer. If you are a UNCW alumnus living in the Triad area and want to help develop this chapter contact Jason at 336.454.1204 or jason.coley@syngenta.com.

Triangle Chapter

The Triangle Alumni Chapter sponsored the Oct. 27 NFL Adventure to Charlotte to see the Carolina Panthers play the Tampa Bay Buccaneers. The event was a sellout with 60 people boarding the train Sunday morning for the trip to the Queen City, where the Charlotte Chapter hosted a tailgate party. Triangle alumnus Jeff Mann '92 made arrangements with Amtrak for the chapter to have its own train car for the trip. Jeff also coordinated shuttle service to and from the game. The chapter's 2003 Triangle Alumni Durham Bulls event will be at 5 p.m. May 4 when the Bulls take on the Syracuse Skychiefs. For more information on the chapter contact President Bekki Bennett '91 at 919.362.7152 or bekki@exec-events.com

Watson School of Education Chapter

Watson School of Education students benefited from the chapter's second annual lecture in October, "Teaching the Difficult Child" by former Laney High School principal Mary Ann Nunnally. The chapter held its fall meeting at the home of Janis Norris '81 and will meet again May 1 at Wise Alumni House. The chapter remains committed to supporting scholarships, presenting a distinguished alumnus award and providing mentoring bookmarks to education interns. Education alumni will be recognized at the "Pasta Night" pregame social at 5 p.m. Feb. 1 in the Hawk's Nest. For more information on the chapter contact President Ann Grose at 910.392.4520 or Ann_Grose@hotmail.com

Washington, D.C., Chapter

Chapter President Cheri Arnott '97 provided a special opportunity for the leadership of the UNCW Alumni Association. Cheri works for Vice President Dick Cheney, and during a trip to Wilmington in October, she extended an invitation to the association to meet him. Executive Director Pat Smith '72, Assistant Director Tom Lamont '80, Chairman Ray Cockrell '88, '96M and Vice Chairman Ed Vosnock '71 heard Cheney speak at the Wilmington International Airport and shook his hand after the event. The chapter is expected to gather Washington alumni in 2003 for social and networking opportunities. If you are interested in helping contact Arnott at Cheri.Arnott@ssa.gov.

Cheri Arnott, right, met with alumni association leadership during Vice President Cheney's October visit to Wilmington.

Wilmington College Chapter

The Wilmington College Chapter continues to meet at 11:30 a.m. every third Wednesday of the month at Jackson's Big Oak Barbecue. The chapter has worked hard on gathering endorsements to place a N.C. Highway Historical Marker at the original site of Wilmington College, at 13th and Market Streets where the former Isaac Bear Elementary School building stood. In less than a year, the chapter has raised approximately $15,000 toward the $25,000 needed to endow a scholarship in the name of Wilmington College. If you are interested in being a part of the Wilmington College Chapter, please contact President Jim Medlin at 910.791.5259.

For more chapter news visit www.uncw.edu/alumniandfriends.

Alumnotes

60s

Ron Staton '65 received the Katharine Howell Award from the Historic Wilmington Foundation for outstanding service to the foundation and for his work in historic preservation.

70s

Dr. **Steven H. Everhart '76** is vice president for academic affairs at Chowan College.

Stiles

The only registered Bowtech practitioner in southern Oregon, **Katherine Stiles '77** was chosen to train in advanced techniques at the Bowen Therapy Academy in Australia. She holds state licensure as a massage therapist in Oregon and Hawaii and has her national certification for therapeutic massage and bodywork. She is a member of the American Massage Therapy Association and the Bowen Therapy Academy of Australia. Katherine resides in Ashland, Ore.

Two prominent UNCW alumni were appointed to the UNCW Foundation Board of Directors, for terms ending June 30, 2005. ***Mickey Corcoran '70*** *of New Bern is a former member and chair of the UNCW Board of Trustees. The president of Woodruff Distributing Company, Corcoron was the 1999 Alumnus of the Yeor.* ***Jim Stasios '70*** *of Wilmington is a registered representative with Jefferson Pilot Securities Corporation. A former member ond chair of the UNCW Alumni Associotion, he wos the 2002 Alumnus of the Year.*

80s

Garrett Thompson '80 is president of BB&T's Charlotte Metro Region.

Anne Lewis Kegeler '83 is supervisor of the drug stability program with Cardinal Healthcare, a drug manufacturing company that tests experimental medication for cancer therapy and viral infections. She resides in Rio Rancho, N.M.

Lt. Col. Darrell L. Thacker Jr. '83 completed a six-month deployment to the Mediterranean Sea and the Arabian Gulf which included two months of training exercises and humanitarian missions in the east African nation of Djibouti. He is assigned to the 22nd Marine Expeditionary Unit, based at Camp Lejeune.

Reda

Caroline Reda '85 is president and general manager of General Electric Energy Rentals Inc. in Atlanta where she leads GE's new power generation rentals business with a distributed workforce in 43 global locations. She is a certified Six Sigma Black Belt. **Ralph Reda**, who was a part-time faculty member at UNCW in the late 1990s, is a quality master Black Belt with GE Energy Services working to improve customer service quality. The couple resides in Marietta, Ga.

Kerry "Allan" Daniel Sr. '89 was promoted to petty officer 3rd class and is an equipment operator for the U.S. Naval Reserve. Daniel is in the 20th Naval Construction Regiment that trains to support Marines at Camp Lejeune. He also serves on the funeral honors detail out of the Naval Reserve Center in Raleigh.

Scott Satterfield '89, the chief executive officer of Wilmington Industrial Development, was appointed by Gov. Mike Easley to serve on the N.C. Economic Development Board.

90s

Sterling Pendleton '92 received his juris doctor from Pettit College of Law at Ohio Northern University.

Franz A. Gruswitz '93 was awarded a Master of Science degree in biophysics and structural biology in May. He received the William F. Neuman Award and the department's Outstanding Student Seminar Award. He is working on two research theses at the University of Rochester. He and his wife, Mary, reside in Rochester, N.Y.

Penny Moore Rogers '95 received the Teacher of the Year Award at Blount Elementary School in Wilmington where she teaches second grade.

Vern Granger '97 received a Fulbright Scholarship to Germany under the International Educational Administrators Program to study the German educational system. He is the assistant director of undergraduate admissions at NC State University.

Dr. **Jennifer Dearolf '98M** received her Ph.D. in zoology from Cornell University in August and is an assistant professor at Hendrix College where she teaches comparative vertebrate anatomy, senior seminar and organismal biology. She resides in Conway, Ark.

Chase Hodges '98 was hired in July as the men's and women's tennis coach at UNC Asheville. He previously coached at Longwood College in Farmville, Va., where he guided the women's program to a 16-3 overall record and runner-up finish in the Carolina-Virginia Athletic Conference.

Ron A. Miller '98 earned a master's degree in veterinary medical science from Louisiana State University. He is currently a research fellow at the Food and Drug Administration Center for Veterinary Medicine. His research focuses on developing methods of antimicrobial susceptibility testing of aquatic bacteria.

Joel S. Smith '98 of Wilmington is the director of public safety communications for New Hanover County.

Bradshaw

Brandia Bradshaw '99 of Hampstead was promoted in July to mortgage banker at First Citizens Bank in Wilmington. She is a member of the Cape Fear Home Builders Association.

Carrie E. Trutt '99 won a Presidential Award at Duke University for meritorious service. She works in the Center for Cognitive Neuroscience.

00s

Patricia E. Hogan '01 was promoted to ensign after completing the Basic Naval Flight Officer Program at Naval Aviation Schools Command, Naval Air Station, Pensacola, Fla. She studied navigation, meteorology, electronics, and flight operations and procedures.

Karen Powell '01 is enrolled as a Ph.D. student at UNC Charlotte in an interdisciplinary program focusing on biomedicine and biomedical technology. She was awarded a Giles Fellowship. In spring 2003, she plans to work in the human reproduction lab at the Cameron Applied Research Center in conjunction with Carolinas Medical Center.

Samuel A. Spaud '01 was commissioned as a naval officer after completing Officer Candidate School at Naval Aviation Schools Command, Naval Air Station, Pensacola, Fla.

Weaver

Matt Weaver '01 of Charlotte was promoted to financial services representative at First Citizens Bank in Cornelius.

Jeri Lynn Coker '02 in June joined the Campbell University women's basketball coaching staff as a graduate assistant coach.

Weddings

Mary A. Jefferies '85 and David L. Parker on May 4, 2002. She is employed at the Coastal Rehabilitation Center. The couple resides in Wilmington.

Kathryn L. Mahoney '88 and James M. Lucas on June 23, 2002. The couple resides in Jacksonville, Fla.

Joel A. Wilson '90 and Elise P. Wilkins on Oct. 12, 2002. He is a project consultant with R.V. Buric Construction Consultants. The couple resides in Wilmington.

Joanie D. Axsom '91 and Dr. George D. Martin on Sept. 19, 2002. Joanie, a member of the UNCW Alumni Association Board of Directors, is part owner/sales director of *Wilmington Business to Business* Magazine, Inc.

Robert B. Chappell '92 and Amanda G. Matt on June 22, 2002. The couple lives in Raleigh.

Amy N. Everhart '92 and Richard C. Speaks on Oct. 12, 2002. Amy is a pharmaceutical sales specialist with AstraZeneca. The couple resides in Wilmington

Angela J. Joyner '92 and Jed M. Jeffrey on April 13, 2002. They live in Wilmington.

Patrick J. Mulligan IV '92 and Elisabeth R. Bain on Nov. 16, 2002. Patrick practices law in Wilmington, which is where the couple lives.

Todd R. Barber '93 and **Robbie E. Tilley '99** on June 29, 2002. Todd is assistant vice president of investments with Coastal Discount Stockbrokers and branch manager of the Wilmington office. Robbie is the Lasik sales

and marketing coordinator for Carolina Eyes Associates. The couple resides in Wilmington.

David C. Rice '93 and Yarrow E. Carmichael on Oct. 5, 2002. The couple resides in Wilmington.

Meredith A. Drummond '94 and Scott T. Self on July 20, 2002. The couple resides in Burlington.

Diana Meyer '94 and David Griggs on June 23, 2001. Diana is a Web site developer for Bloomberg Financial Markets. The couple resides in the Princeton, N.J., area.

Wendy R. Reynolds '94 and Christopher N. Royal on May 4, 2002. Wendy is employed by BetzDearborn in Trevose, Pa. The couple resides in Philadelphia, Pa.

Charlotte E. Fort '95 and Jeffrey S. Findley on Nov. 16, 2002. The couple resides in Wilmington.

Sherry D. McDonald '95 and John H. Waters on Oct. 5, 2002. Sherry is the CAP-MR/DD program coordinator with Duplin/Sampson/Lenoir Area Mental Health, Developmental Disabilities and Substance Abuse Services. The couple resides in Wilmington.

Stacy A. Wallace '95 and Kenneth L. Stone on June 15, 2002. Stacy is a special education teacher with the New Hanover County school system. The couple resides in Wilmington.

Eric B. White '95 and **Susan E. Jordan** '97 on June 8, 2002. They reside in Huntersville.

Marvin K. Baker '96 and Norma J. Yeager on April 27, 2002. The couple resides in Wilmington.

Christopher A. Ives '96 and Virginia R. Lewis on Sept. 21, 2002. He is employed by the City of Wilmington in the Planning Department. The couple resides in Wilmington.

Jeffrey D. Moore '96 and Desiree Braganza on May 10, 2002. He works for the Public and Government Affairs Department of ChevronTexaco Corp. in San Ramon, Calif. The couple resides in the San Francisco Bay area.

Melissa L. Pagani '96 and Patrick M. Kennedy on Oct. 6, 2001. Melissa is a recreation therapist at Avery Heights in Hartford, Conn., where the couple resides.

Dorothy A. Thomas '96 and Michael D. Wilson on July 20, 2002. The couple resides in Wilmington.

Todd W. Westmoreland '96 and Heidi L. Tolley on March 23, 2002. The couple resides in Savannah, Ga.

Kevin L. Barber '97M and **Barbi B. Hoff** '97 on Aug. 31, 2002. Kevin is a certified public accountant and controller at Coastal Beverage Inc. Barbi is a clinical project manager for PPD Development. The couple resides in Wilmington.

Linda Strickland Harrelson '82, a first grade teacher at Codington Elementary School in Wilmington was named to USA TODAY's fifth annual All-USA Teacher Team. One of 18 individuals selected for the First Team, Linda received a trophy and $2,500 for her school. A teacher for 19 years, she was nominated for the honor by assistant principal Bannie T. Page '66. Her innovative approach to education makes use of a garden to help the students learn math, science, art, music, social students, reading and writing. "The children just love it," she said, and they excel – 96 percent scored 18 to 20 out of 20 in writing, math average was 95.2 percent. Working with the New Hanover County Arboretum, she is expanding the garden to include trees and a Japanese garden. Linda is a National Board Certified Teacher.

Dr. Amy E. Coleman '97 and Dr. John P. Fernald on April 27, 2002. Amy is a captain in the U.S. Air Force Reserves and is an Air Force Health Professions Scholarship recipient. After receiving her medical degree from Brody School of Medicine at East Carolina University in May, she is continuing her education with a residency in family medicine at the University of Texas Health Science Center. She is pursuing a career in sports medicine. The couple resides in San Antonio, Texas.

Trisha A. Dean '97 and James B. Murrill IV on October 19, 2002. The couple now resides in Wilmington.

Kersten M. DeVries '97 and Andrew Notaro on April 20, 2002.

Elaine Duck '97 and David Young on May 4, 2002. Elaine is the director of trade commercial services with Carolinas Real Data. The couple resides in Charlotte.

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Bradley G. Merritt '97 and **Valerie A. Cameron** '02 on June 22, 2002. The couple lives in Carrboro.

Matthew W. Aley '98 and Heather B. Motsinger on May 11, 2002. The couple resides in Billings, Mont.

Kristin L. Boyce '98, '02 and Alex G. Alexander Jr. on Nov. 16, 2002.

Janet A. Brogdon '98 and Richard M. Gaetano on June 22, 2002. They reside in Durham.

Jamie L. Brown '98 and David T. Borum on July 27, 2002. She is employed by Central Carolina Bank in Wilmington, where the couple resides.

Wendy R. Clemmons '98 and Robert S. McNeil on June 29, 2002. The couple resides in Wilmington.

Wendy R. Kulp '98, '02M and **Jason L. Gilbert** '02 on June 8, 2002. Wendy is the quality assurance manager at Visionair in Castle Hayne. Jason teaches at Carolina Gymnastics Academy. The couple resides in Wilmington.

Rosalyn D. Murphy '98 and Kimberly L. Johnson on May 19, 2001.

Eric E. Pridgen '98 and Amber M. Cook on May 14, 2002. He is studying law at North Carolina Central University.

Lora Ridge '98 and Scott W. Dunbar on June 1, 2002. She is an accountant for Myers & Associates, CPA's. The couple resides in High Point.

Amy A. Simpson '98 and Joe Steelman on April 22, 2002.

Molly M. Ward '98 and Neil M. Chamblee on Nov. 16, 2002. Molly is a manager with Cisco Systems in Research Triangle Park. They reside in Raleigh.

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Alison N. Cause '99 and **James F. Nance IV** '00 on June 1, 2002. She manages her family's business, Temptations Gourmet Foods & Café. He is a computer programmer. The couple resides in Leland.

Heather T. Dawson '99 and Wesley B. Padgett on June 8, 2002. Heather is employed by the Pender County Schools. A student at UNCW, Wesley is employed in the university's telecommunications department. The couple resides in Wilmington.

Kathleen Y. Etheridge '99 and Brian D. English on June 29, 2002. The couple resides in Wilmington.

Laura E. Gore '99 and Charles E. Gore III on May 4, 2002. She is an area sales manager at Belks in Wilmington, where the couple resides.

Melissa A. Hollingsworth '99 and Terry D. Wright II on May 4, 2002. They reside in Wilmington.

Kristy D. Morgan '99, '02M and Steven K. Carter on Sept. 28, 2002. The couple resides in Wilmington.

Sandra J. Rivenbark '99 and Leslie H. Turner on June 8, 2002.

Parker Stevens '99 and **Susanna Rabon** '01 on Sept. 13, 2002. Susanna is an accountant for Accounting Services Inc., and Parker is a senior insurance examiner for the Delaware Department of Insurance. The couple resides in Frederick, Md

Jessica C. Taylor '99 and Jason Walter on May 25, 2002. The couple resides in Wilmington.

Christine E. Wall '99 and Matthew S. Hall on May 4, 2002. The couple resides in Durham.

James B. Wilson '99 and Pamela L. Sutton on June 29, 2002. The couple resides in Whiteville.

Amy M. Campbell '00 and **Bradley N. Whitford** '02 on June 8, 2002. The couple resides in Carolina Beach while Bradley pursues a master's degree in psychology at UNCW.

Kelly J. Compton '00 and Allen R. Burton on Feb. 13, 2002.

Carol A. Finucan '00 and Bryant P. Spencer on April 6, 2002. Carol is a residential banking officer with the Coastal Federal Bank in Southport, where the couple resides.

Meg Gemmell '00 and Jay Sperry on June 22, 2002. The couple resides in Costa Rica.

Maryanna Gross '00 and William M. Bostwick on June 29, 2002. She is a

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fifth grade teacher at Newport Elementary School. The couple lives in Morehead City.

Timothy D. Lipp '00 and **Elizabeth A. White '02** on June 8, 2002. Timothy is an associate minister to youth and children at the First Baptist Church of Fayetteville and is pursuing a master of divinity degree in Christian education at the Campbell School of Divinity. Elizabeth teaches fourth grade at Gray's Creek Elementary School in Cumberland County. They reside in Hope Mills.

Stephanie E. Lucas '00 and **Wesley S. Martin '00** on June 29, 2002. She teaches at North Topsail Elementary School. He is a manager with Lowes Home Improvement. The couple lives in Wilmington.

Benjamin F. Mitchell '00 and Lori J Holler on May 18, 2002.

Heather D. Pigford '00 and Carl J. Bridgers on Sept. 21, 2002. The couple resides in Wilmington.

Lauren M. Webster '00 and **Craig D. Cohen '00** on June 22, 2002. Craig is employed by A Cleaner World Corporation of High Point and Lauren recently graduated from Wake Forest University. The couple resides in Winston-Salem.

April J. Boehm '01 and Buckley H. Hubbard on Sept. 7, 2002. The couple resides in Wilmington.

Misty J. Cook '01 and Adam J. Spekczynski on April 20, 2002. She is employed by Talis Management Group. The couple resides in Raleigh.

Steven C. Davis '01 and Sarah L. Green on Aug. 24, 2002.

Meredith Dewey '01 and Joseph Polinski on June 23, 2002. The couple resides in Delco, N.C.

Kristina L. Harmer '01 and Edward V Hubbard Jr. on June 29, 2002. She is a buyer with Interroll Corporation in Wilmington. The couple resides in Watha

Deidre E. Suggs '01 and Dennis N. Wood on July 13, 2002. She is a teacher for New Hanover County Schools. The couple resides in Wilmington.

Kimberly S. Warlick '01 and William A. Corbett on Oct. 26, 2002. The couple lives in Wilmington.

Jennifer A. Denny '02 and Christopher Stanmire on June 1, 2002.

Jamison M. Fair '02 and Bryna L. Burda on June 29, 2002. The couple resides in Topsail Island.

Christine M. Marlowe '02M and William N. Wesner III on June 15, 2002. The couple resides in Wilmington.

Kelly N. White '02 and **Samuel D. Prestipino '02** on June 1, 2002. The couple resides in Durham.

Crystal M. Sholar '02 and William E. Powell on June 1, 2002. The couple resides in Whiteville.

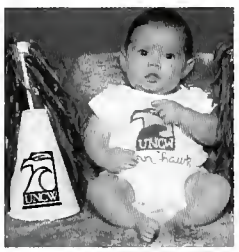
Births

To **Charles Maddox '81** and his wife Tracey, a son, Zachary, on July 24, 2001. The Maddox family resides in Rome, Ga.

To **Thomas Atkins '88** and his wife Katherine, a son, Luke Thomas, on Feb. 6, 2002.

To **Pam Long Anderson '91** and her husband Brian, a daughter, Lainey, on July 2, 2001. Pam is a system support engineer for British Telecom. The family resides in Knightdale.

To **Laura Sue Hudson LeMay '91** and her husband Curtis, a daughter, Adyson, on March 5, 2002.



Bryce Bordeaux

To **Shanda Williams Bordeaux '92** and her husband Rusty, a son, Robert "Bryce," on March 20, 2002. Shanda is a former chair of the UNCW Alumni Association.

To **Gina Cuneo Hawkins '92** and her husband Scott, a daughter, Jessica Maria, on March 13, 2002.

To **Dr. Thomas F. '92** and **Anna Marshburn Oppelt '96**, a son, Mason Thomas, on April 18, 2002. The family resides in Columbia, S.C.

To **Sheila Fowler Smith '92** and her husband Todd, a daughter, Sydney Alyssa, on Sept. 12, 2001.

To **Julie Shouse Riggins '92, '94M** and her husband Marshall, a son, Caleb, on June 14, 2002. She teaches high school in Kernersville and received her National Board of Teaching Certification in 2001.

To **Amanda Hartman Womack '92** and her husband Richard, twin sons, Braden and Michael, on April 27, 2001. Amanda is a teacher for the Columbia County Board of Education. The family lives in Martinez, Ga.

To **Eddy '93** and **Sandra Humphries Roberts '97, '01M**, a son, Luke Marsden, on Dec. 10, 2001. Sandra is a fifth grade teacher at Belville Elementary School in Leland.

To **Jason D. Rochelle '93** and his wife Michele, a son, Elijah Mason, on Aug. 7, 2001.

To **Meghan McHugh Sauer '94** and her husband Mark, a son, Joseph John Howard, on March 12, 2001. Meghan is the state coordinator for the Wyoming Project Learning Tree. They reside in Laramie, Wyo.

To **Ruby Brown-Herring '95** and her husband Tyrone, twin daughters, Taleah Nicole and Tamryn Alexis on Nov. 9, 2002. Ruby is director of career services at Converse College in Spartanburg, SC.

To **Vickie Wilkinson Barnes '95** and her husband John, a son, Austin, on Aug. 31, 2001. Vickie is a third grade teacher for the Vance County Schools. The family resides in Henderson.

To **Amy Culp Stuart '95** and her husband Eddie, a son, James Marshall, on July 17, 2002.

To **David '96** and **Christina Williams Hughes '98**, a son, Joshua William, on March 22, 2002.

To **William '96** and **Tamara Pope Poland '97**, a daughter, McKenzie Faith, on April 18, 2002. They reside in Clayton.

To **Channing '97** and **Melissa Hogan Hill '98**, a daughter, Mackenzie Ashlyn, on April 9, 2002. Melissa is a special education teacher in Garner. Channing is an enterprise management systems analyst II with BB&T in Wilson.

To **Kelly Allen Young '99** and her husband Brit, a son, Britton Allen, on June 5, 2002. The couple resides in Sanford.

Deaths

Elmer B. Murray Jr. '51 of Wilmington, on Oct. 6, 2002.

James 'King' R. Austin '57 on July 31, 2002.

Sybil McGinnis Brookshire '59 of Wilmington on June 19, 2002.

William R. Collins '65 of Wilmington on Aug. 22, 2002.

James W. Bowen '77 on July 31, 2002.

Tommie E. Crenshaw '77 on Jan. 8, 2002.

John T. Knowlton '82 of Chapel Hill on Aug. 1, 2002.

Jeffrey D. Carlyle '85 on March 19, 1996.

Brenda M. Thomasson '85 of Leland on Aug. 31, 2002.

Vance W. Dail '95 of Pikeville on Aug. 2, 2002.

Anthony D. Collins '99 on July 11, 2002.

Heather N. Bell '00 of Wilmington on Sept. 29, 2002.

Jeremy M. Gillikin '02 of Morehead City on Oct. 12, 2002.

Friends

Dorothy Grey Dobo of Wilmington on Sept. 12, 2002. She is survived by her husband, Robert Dobo '50.

Owen G. Kenan, 58, business leader, philanthropist and UNCW trustee, on Sept. 2, 2002. A graduate of UNC Chapel Hill, Kenan was president of the Chapel Hill-based Kenan Enterprises and vice chair of the board of directors of Flagler Systems Inc., a family-owned business that operates real estate properties in Palm Beach, Fla. He also attended UNCW in 1967.

Wise Alumni House benefactor **Janet Patton Lewis**, 82, on Aug. 29, 2002, in Richmond, Va. She and her late husband, Lawrence, grandson of Jessie Hargrave Kenan Wise, and his sister, Mary Lily Flagler Lewis Wiley deeded Wise House to UNCW in 1968 to further the university's charitable and educational programs.

David J. Sieren of Wilmington, on Nov. 11, 2002. He was retired from the UNCW Biological Sciences Department here he taught for 33 years. During his tenure he was department chair and director of the herbarium, Herbert Bluethenthal Wildflower Preserve and Ev-Henwood Nature Preserve.

Brad Land's memoir on sibling rivalry, fraternities and violence began as a requirement for his graduate degree from UNCW. It could become a best seller. Land, who received his Master of Fine Arts in Creative Writing in May, sold his thesis Goat to Random House. The work is scheduled for publication in spring 2004. Land is pursuing a doctorate in English at Western Michigan University. He is focusing on creative nonfiction. In addition to working on a collection of essays and a novel, Land is nonfiction editor of Western Michigan's literary magazine Third Coast.

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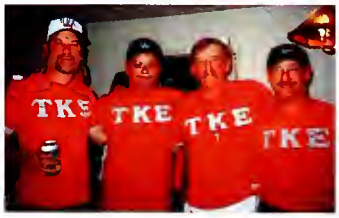

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Dr. Rosemary DePaolo, chancellor-elect of UNCW is pictured in front of Hoggard Hall, one of the university's three original buildings in this photo by Greg Wolf - used with permission *Wilmington Stor-News*.

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New documentary focuses on water scarcity dilemma

In its continuing effort to raise awareness about environmental and social issues, UNCW is tackling water scarcity in its fifth documentary.

Currently in production, the one-hour documentary is designed to maximize a message of importance: that we as world, nation and state, are experiencing a water scarcity dilemma.

The program will examine the importance of water in human history, causes and effects of water scarcity, struggles over water ownership, and most importantly what people can do individually and collectively toward conservation and solutions. Issues and solutions will be explored from global, national and statewide perspectives.

"Everyone must realize the supply of water in the world and North Carolina is not inexhaustible," said retiring Chancellor James R. Leutze who narrates the documentary. "In the future, we'll have to make greater conservation efforts and probably pay more for water."

The documentary is written and directed by Lou Buttino, professor of communication studies. Elaine Penn is the executive producer. Title sponsors are Duke Power, McKim & Creed Engineers, Weyerhaeuser Company Foundation and Holiday Inn SunSpree Resort at Wrightsville Beach.

The documentary, which will air this fall on PBS, will be complemented by public forums, panel discussions and a Web site containing curriculum and activities for high school students and educators.

Chancellar James Leutze traveled to Amhurst, Mass., to interview Sandra Pastel, a leading authority on water.

Legislators get a taste of UNCW's programs

Dining on summer flounder spawned and raised at UNCW's mariculture facility, more than 200 guests, including 69 state representatives and 30 state senators learned Feb. 18 how the university is benefiting the state as it educates 10,700 students.

Chancellor James R. Leutze and the Board of Visitors hosted the reception at the N.C. Museum of Natural Sciences. Jeanette Hyde, former ambassador to Barbados and a Board of Visitors member, emceed the event which was funded by non-state resources.

Among the topics discussed was how UNCW is addressing the state's teacher and nurse shortages, delivering health care to the underserved rural areas, assisting regional economic development efforts, helping the pharmaceutical industry in Wilmington, working to protect the health of North Carolina's waters and establishing biotechnology public/private partnerships.

Sen. Jerry Tillman and Rep. Edd Nye were among the 100 legislators who dined an UNCW summer flaunder and learned abaut UNCW pragrams.

Harris Teeter one of seven given Razor Walker Award

Harris Teeter and six individuals who have made a significant impact on the lives of children in North Carolina received 2003 Razor Walker Awards.

Through its "Together In Education" program which began in 1998, Harris Teeter has contributed more than $3.4 million to public schools in seven southeastern states and the District of Columbia to assist with the purchase of needed supplies. Last year, the program was expanded to include UNCW to enhance student projects. In addition, Harris Teeter is matching all funds raised in the program to benefit the North Carolina Teachers Legacy Hall at UNCW.

Individual recipients were: District Attorney John E. Carriker; U.S. Sen. John Edwards; Nathaniel Irvin II, founder of Future Focus 2020 and assistant dean for MBA student development at Wake Forest University; Tannis Nelson, president of North Carolina Congress of Parents and Teachers; Constance Parker, founder and executive director of Wilmington Health Access for Teens; and Dan Strickland, associate superintendent of Columbus County Schools.

The Razor Walker Award, established in 1993 by the UNCW Watson School of Education, is recognized as one of the state's most prestigious and unique service awards.

Community Link welcomes input

UNCW *Community Link* is a new interactive, public affairs television show, produced by UNCW-TV, which gives citizens a chance to sound off on issues facing Southeastern North Carolina.

Hosts Betty Ann Sanders and H. E. "Hunter" Thompson, Jr. engage and challenge the region's newsmakers and opinion-shapers and then ask viewers to voice their opinions. Through collaboration with the Southeast Public Interest Network of North Carolina (www.SpinNC.org), viewers participate in opinion polls, discussion forums, e-mail and real-time chat.

The show airs on The Learning Network, the Pender County Government Channel, and Channel 10 in Jacksonville and Carteret County.

University's federal funding tops $2.4 million

UNCW will receive more than $2.4 million in federal funding to benefit coastal ocean and mariculture research, to provide healthcare to underserved rural areas and to launch a pilot program on natural disaster mitigation.

These appropriations, supported by Rep. Mike McIntyre and Sen. John Edwards, are part of the 2003 budget bill. Last year, UNCW received $1.6 million in federal funding for these projects.

UNCW's Coastal Ocean Research and Monitoring Program, which began in 1999, will receive $1.2 million from the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration. The program is responsible for the measurement and study of the physical, biological, chemical, geological and meteorological properties of the North and South Carolina coasts.

UNCW's mariculture program, now in its fifth year, will receive $360,000 from the U.S. Department of Agriculture. The program researches the growth rate and survivability of marine species such as summer and Southern flounder and black seabass.

A $400,000 appropriation from the Department of Health and Human Services will enable the School of Nursing to partner with the town of Bolton to operate a health and wellness clinic. The facility will provide primary health care to individuals and families.

UNCW is one of six institutions to receive $500,000 from the Federal Emergency Management Agency to participate in the Disaster Resistant University Program. This pilot project will help universities protect students, infrastructure and research facilities from natural disasters such as flooding, hurricanes and earthquakes.

Photo by Brenda Riegel

Paving the way for new buildings and infrastructure improvements at UNCW means finding ways to preserve some of the university's longleaf pines and oaks. A total of 137 trees were relocated from building sites to areas not affected by construction. The cost of the project was approximately $13,000. The majority of the trees moved had a trunk span of two to 12 inches. For trees exceeding that size, the university has pledged to replace them with a like number of trees in other areas on campus.

Merit scholarship fund established to honor Leutze

To thank retiring Chancellor James R. Leutze for his 13 years of service to UNCW, the university's foundation has established the James R. Leutze Merit Scholarship Fund.

"This merit scholarship program complements Chancellor Leutze's emphasis on achieving higher academic excellence for UNCW, so the foundation felt this was the best tribute we could offer to honor his legacy," said Paul Davis Boney, the foundation's immediate past chair.

Photos by Erin Wall

Mary Garnto, vice chancellor for university advancement, presents Chancellor Leutze with a book of tributes written by people whose lives he has touched over the years. Bertha Todd, left, was among those offering toasts to Dr. Leutze at the tribute dinner.

A festive evening with friends, colleagues and supporters toasting Leutze's achievements was held in January to kickoff the campaign. At that time it was announced more than $435,000 had been raised toward the $1 million goal.

As part of the festivities, the audience saw an 11-minute video prepared by UNCW-TV that captured some of the highlights of Chancellor Leutze's tenure. Following that, toasts were presented by individuals representing various segments of the community touched by the university.

Toasters were Estell Lee, Wilmington College class of 1955 and twice Alumna of the Year; Frank Block, chair of the UNCW Board of Trustees; Bob Warwick, representing the UNC Board of Governors; Dr. Gretchen Bataille, senior vice president for academic affairs of the University of North Carolina system, representing the Office of the President; Rep. Danny McComas, representing the General Assembly; Bertha Todd, representing the community at large; Dr. Scott Colley, former provost at Hampden Sydney College and now president of Berry College, representing higher education; and Steve Diab, vice chair of the UNCW Foundation.

Vice Chancellor for University Advancement Mary Gornto presented Chancellor Leutze with a scrapbook of tributes. Writers commented on how knowing him had enhanced their lives, saluted his vision, valued his being a "passionate spokesman for marine science and the environment," recalled how he made history "come alive" in the classroom, and noted that "Jim opened up UNCW to the citizens of Wilmington and wedded Town and Gown together."

When fully funded, the Leutze Merit Scholarship Fund is expected to provide five scholarships at $9,000 per person per year. Four scholarships will go to undergraduates and one to a graduate student.

Leutze recognized for achievements

Chancellor James R. Leutze joined Dan and Bruce Cameron as the inaugural winners of the *Star-News* Lifetime Achievement Award. The award honors outstanding individuals who have given substantially of themselves for the improvement of the communities of Wilmington and Southeastern North Carolina, particularly in the areas of economic development, education, charity, health, preservation, arts and the environment.

Basketball teams get NCAA and CAA honors

The UNCW men's basketball team achieved recognition in six categories, and Brett Blizzard finished among the nation's individual leaders in four rankings, according to 2002-03 NCAA statistics for all 327 Division I schools.

Blizzard

The Seahawks, who finished 24-7 overall and advanced to the NCAA tournament for the second consecutive year, ranked sixth in fewest turnovers per game, 12th in scoring defense and scoring margin, 23rd in field goal percentage defense, 28th in steals per game and 23rd in winning percentage.

Goldsberry

Blizzard ranked 27th in scoring, 29th in steals, 10th in three-point field goal percentage and ninth in three-point field goals made per game.

Freshman John Goldsberry also made the chart in the single game category, finishing first in three-point field goal percentage. He made all eight of his trey attempts in UNCW's first-round game of the NCAA tournament vs. Maryland March 21 in Nashville, Tenn.

Blizzard was named to the U.S. Basketball Writers All-District III team. He led the CAA in scoring with a 21.3 average and is the only player in CAA history to earn First Team All-CAA honors four straight seasons. He also set conference records collecting three CAA Tournament MVP honors and four All-CAA Tournament awards. Blizzard holds 16 school records and shares five others, including UNCW's career scoring and steal marks. He scored 2,129 points in 124 appearances and connected on 367 treys, ranking him seventh on the NCAA's all-time list. Blizzard was selected with the 23rd pick overall by the Oklahoma Storm, the defending USBL champions, in the United States Basketball League draft.

First-year coach Brad Brownell was named CAA Coach of the Year after directing the Seahawks to a school regular season record 21 victories.

Third-year women's basketball coach Ann Hancock garnered CAA Coach of the Year honors and four Seahawks picked up conference accolades.

Rachael Friesen-Norwood was named CAA Co-Defensive Player of the Year. Cherie Lea was named First-Team All-CAA, while Shameka Montgomery was selected Second-Team All-CAA. Tracy Morgan joined Friesen-Norwood on the CAA All-Defensive Team.

Hancock guided the Seahawks to a school-record number of wins, finishing the regular season with a 22-5 mark. UNCW posted a 14-4 conference record and nailed down the No. 3 seed for the CAA Tournament.

Friesen-Norwood was named NSCA All-American Strength and Conditioning Athlete of the Year by the National Strength and Conditioning Association. Cherie Lea was named to the inaugural I-AAA Athletic Director's Association Scholar-Athlete Team.

The women's golf team earned the Big South Conference's automatic bid to the NCAA Regionals for the second straight year with a 33-stroke victory at the P.U.P.S Big South Championships at the Sea Trail Golf and Conference Center. For the first time in the history of the program, the men's golf team was selected to compete in the NCAA championships. The Seahawks earned one of six at-large bids.

Scalf to coach national team

Scalf

Mark Scalf, baseball head coach, was named one of three assistant coaches by USA Baseball for the national team that will represent the United States at the 2003 Pan Am Games in Santo Domingo, Dominican Republic, in August.

UNCW men won their second consecutive CAA title in the swimming and diving championships held at George Mason University. Cooch Dove Allen shares the Women's Cooch of the Year honor with Peter Ward of GMU. The men's 400-yard freestyle reloy team, which won in a CAA-record 3:00.56, was comprised of Michael Krayer, Tiago Barreira, Adam Brenneman and Dovid Sokolofsky.

Eshelman's $1.75 million gift boosts athletics program

The largest contribution ever received by UNCW's Athletics Department is building on the program's growing legacy.

The gift by Fred Eshelman, founder and chief executive officer of Pharmaceutical Product Development Inc., will be used for student-athlete scholarships and the renovation of the university's strength and conditioning complex in Hanover Hall. Eshelman's donation, combined with matching funds, brings his total contribution to $1.75 million.

"We are very grateful to Dr. Eshelman for his generosity," said Peg Bradley-Doppes, athletic director. "We are experiencing tremendous growth and success, and Dr. Eshelman's contribution will help us move closer to our ultimate goal of completely endowing the program."

Eshelman made the commitment because of his fondness for the program and its recent successes.

Eshelman

"I made this decision because UNC Wilmington is producing quality student-athletes and doing it the right way," said Eshelman. "UNCW has its priorities in order – academics come first and then athletics. Hopefully, this contribution will encourage even better student-athletes to come to UNCW, and continue the school's outstanding record, both academically and athletically."

Eshelman said he was more than pleased to support UNCW because of the institution's contributions to the community.

"UNCW has given this area so much and this is our way of giving back," he noted.

Howard-Vital tapped for academic post

Howard-Vital

After 12 years at UNCW, Michelle Howard-Vital, vice chancellor for public service and continuing studies and associate provost, will be moving to the Office of the President where she will serve as associate vice president for academic affairs for the 16-campus University of North Carolina.

She will be responsible for working on the development of academic programs and continuing UNC's emphasis on quality education from K-16.

Under her leadership, UNCW's Division for Public Service and Continuing Studies expanded and clarified its role to stimulate positive social action in the region. Its staff nearly doubled, and grant revenue increased. It opened the Executive Development Center and developed UNCW-TV which, with its partners, manages The Learning Network. Division-sponsored Leadership Wilmington and the Adult Scholars Leadership Program attract newcomers and retirees seeking to become engaged in the region.

Donaldson leads campus police

Donaldson

David M. Donaldson was promoted from community operations commander to chief of university police. He replaced Billy Dawson who retired in December.

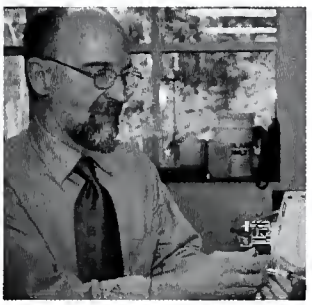
"David's philosophy of policing is based on community involvement, crime prevention and student development with a strong emphasis on proactive problem solving," said Sharon Boyd, vice chancellor, business and support services. "We know his leadership will continue to make our campus a safe place to work and study."

Donaldson heads a team of more than 30 uniformed officers, detectives, telecommunicators and other support staff.

Wright honored by queen

Researcher Jeffrey Wright, staunch defender of public health, was honored by the Queen of England.

The Carl B. Brown distinguished professor of marine science, Wright received the Queen Elizabeth II Golden Jubilee Medal awarded to Canadians who made a significant contribution to the country.


Wright

The reason for Wright's honors goes back to 1987 when Canada's aquaculture industry faced a crisis caused by a new toxin found in blue mussels near eastern Prince Edward Island.

Wright led a National Research Council of Canada team which identified the cause of the outbreak in 104 hours.

"It was a truly remarkable effort," he said.

Since the initial outbreak, the toxic event has occurred annually; however because of Wright's work, the Canadian government instituted a monitoring program to protect public health.

Wright continues "to look for new drug leads from the sea and investigating marine toxins."

Photo by Chris Tessaglia-Hymes, Cornell University

UNCW research scientist William A. McLellan received the 2003 NOAA Environmentol Hero Award. The award honors NOAA volunteers for their "tireless efforts to preserve and protect our nation's environment." McLellan wos recognized for his outstonding efforts to respond to ond investigote marine mommol strondings throughout the notion for more than 18 yeors. He is currently the lorge whole necropsy team leader for the Mid-Atlontic ond the North Corolino state stronding coordinotor.

Huber's dedication recognized

Richard Huber, a professor of curricular studies in the Watson School of Education, was named the 2002 Carnegie Foundation North Carolina Professor of the Year.

Presented jointly by the Carnegie Foundation for the Advancement of Teaching and the Council for Advancement and Support of Education, the award is designed to "reward outstanding professors for their dedication to teaching, commitment to students and innovative instructional methods."

Huber

An example of Huber's innovative teaching involves his work in environmental education. He designs Java applets to manage and interact with large data sets via the Internet. This project assists science teachers and their students to collect water quality data on the Cape Fear River and post the results on the Web at www.uncw.edu/riverrun so other classrooms across the state can view it.

Roer named Grad School dean

Robert Roer was appointed dean of the UNCW Graduate School in February by the UNC Board of Governors.

In addition to increasing enrollment and improving graduate program offerings, Roer said he plans to explore forming additional partnerships with local businesses to offer specific degrees similar to the university's arrangement with aaiPharma which gives 20 employees the opportunity to pursue a Master of Science in chemistry.

Roer

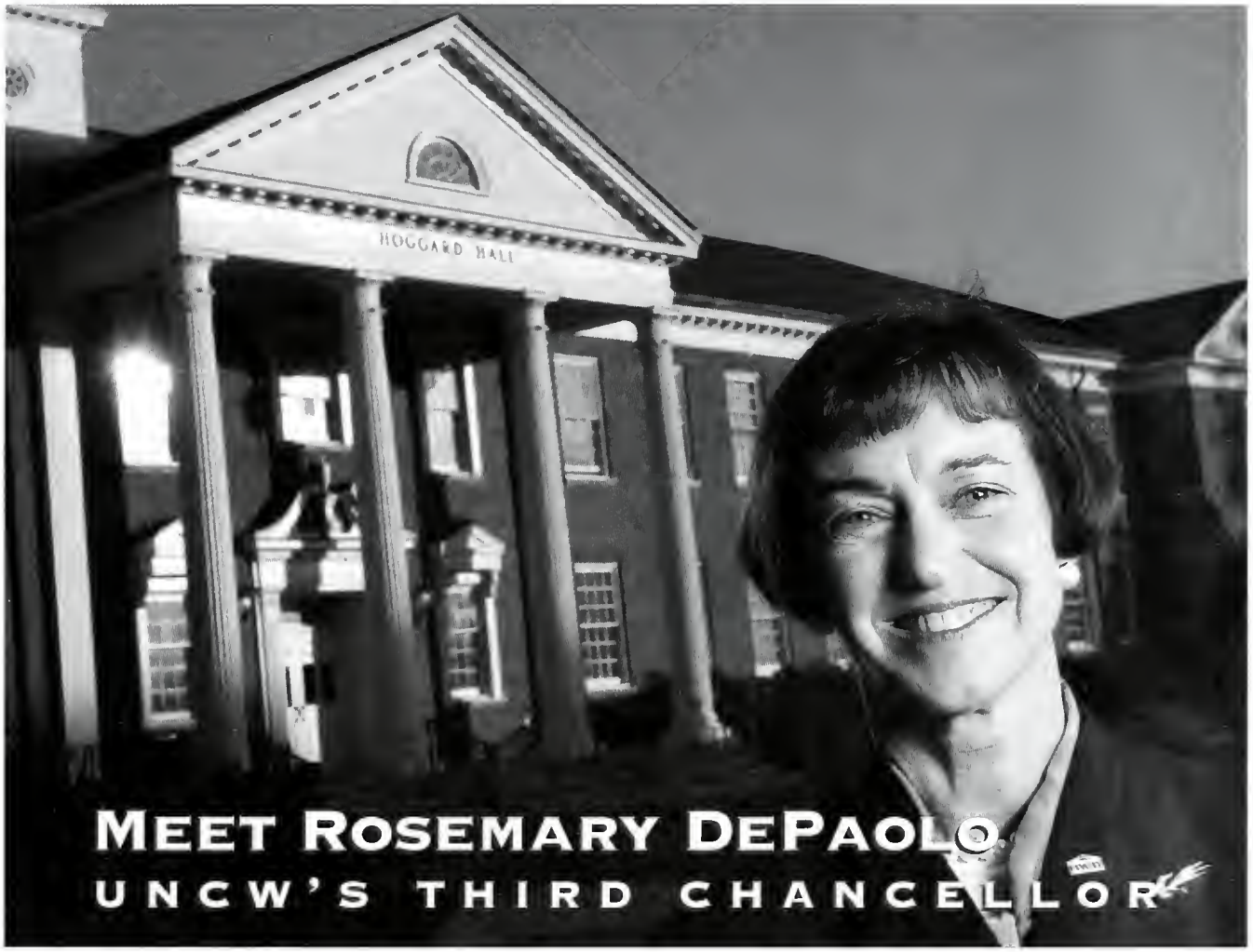
Roer, who joined UNCW in 1979, achieved the rank of professor in the Biological Sciences Department and served as research physiologist at the Center for Marine Science, assistant director of CMS and assistant chair for graduate studies.

Pilgrim receives teaching award

Pilgrim

Psychology professor Carol Pilgrim joined the elite among UNC system faculty as the recipient of the 2003 UNC Board of Governors Award for Excellence in Teaching. She received a commemorative bronze medallion and a $7,500 cash prize.

At UNCW since 1986, Pilgrim is an active researcher and serves in a number of leadership roles in professional organizations in her specialty, behavior analysis. She is frequently cited in surveys administered to graduating seniors as a faculty member who has had a significant impact on them. Her achievements have been recognized with the Faculty Scholarship Award, a Distinguished Teaching Professorship, the College of Arts and Sciences Excellence in Teaching Award and the Chancellor's Teaching Award.



MEET ROSEMARY DEPAOLO
UNCW'S THIRD CHANCELLOR

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Of the 117 individuals considered for the job, Dr. Rosemary DePaolo had the unanimous support of the search committee when it made its recommendations for UNCW's third chancellor to President Molly Broad.

"You are our No. 1 choice," Sam Connally, UNCW director of human resources and search committee secretary, told DePaolo at a standing-room-only reception welcoming her to campus the day of her appointment.

DePaolo comes to UNCW from Georgia College & State University where she has been president since 1997 and established her reputation as an outstanding academic leader. She is credited with leading the institution through a period of unprecedented change, including the adoption of a new mission that accompanied its designation as Georgia's public liberal arts university. Under her leadership, the university began nearly $100 million in construction and renovation projects and acquired more than $140 million through development and appropriations.

"Rosemary DePaolo has left phenomenal and indelible marks of excellence on Georgia College & State University," said Thomas C. Meredith, chancellor of the University System of Georgia. "She has steered the course for this institution's rise in stature, student-centeredness and academic quality throughout her administration. While we are saddened to see her move on to this next important step in her career, we will look forward to learning of her continuing achievements as an outstanding academic leader. UNCW should consider itself extremely fortunate to have nabbed one of our true stars."

In January, *Georgia Trend* listed her as one of the most influential and notable Georgians, and the Georgia Senate in April passed a resolution recognizing her achievements. It said in part, that DePaolo "will bring to UNC Wilmington a proven record of leadership in administration, a passionate commitment to excellence in undergraduate education and an understanding of the special relationship between public institutions and the regions they serve."

In recommending DePaolo for the job of UNCW chancellor, UNC President Molly Corbett Broad said, "While rising through the ranks of the faculty, she has consistently demonstrated a passionate commitment to excellence in undergraduate education, as well as a deep understanding of the special relationship between public institutions and the regions they were founded to serve.

"Dr. DePaolo is no stranger to the University of North Carolina, having served as dean of the College of Arts and Sciences at Western Carolina University just prior to assuming the presidency of Georgia College & State University. We are delighted

to bring her back to North Carolina and to UNC Wilmington."

A native of Long Island, N.Y., DePaolo, 55, holds a bachelor's degree in English from Queens College of the City University of New York. She attended Rutgers University as a Woodrow Wilson fellow, earning master's and doctoral degrees in 18th-century English literature.

After receiving her doctorate in 1979, DePaolo joined the faculty of Augusta College in Georgia as an assistant professor of English, rising to the rank of professor by 1989. She served as the founding director of the college's Center for Humanities, which worked with the region's public schools, as well as the medical, arts, and business communities.

In 1990, DePaolo was recruited to Georgia Southern University where she served as assistant dean for curriculum and student services. Three years later, she became dean of the College of Arts and Sciences at Western Carolina University where she led efforts to advance technology in teaching and learning, attract its first endowed professorship, and secure the initial funding for a $28-million fine and performing arts center.

DePaolo is married to Fred Wharton, a retired professor of English. The first chancellor in the UNC system to have a multi-year contract, DePaolo will be paid $205,000 a year and will receive a tenured faculty position.

DEPAOLO EXPECTED TO LEAD UNIVERSITY TO NEW HEIGHTS

ENERGETIC, ENTHUSIASTIC, PERSONABLE, SINCERE, TENACIOUS, CREATIVE, TIRELESS, FOCUSED.

Those words describe UNCW's new chancellor who takes over the university's helm in July.

"We are at the threshold of another tremendous era of expansion and growth at UNCW, and we wanted someone with the background and the experience, the energy and the personality to carry us forward, and we believe we have found that person," said Charles Evans, a member of the board of trustees and the chancellor search committee.

Dr. Rosemary DePaolo is well aware that she is inheriting a "very fine institution" from Dr. James R. Leutze and is being entrusted to take it to the next level.

"Chancellor Leutze has clearly done a superb job transforming UNCW during his tenure, but undoubtedly I'll bring a different perspective and a different personal style," she said.

"My first impression was that UNCW is a true jewel. Beyond realizing the beauty of the campus, I recognized that this is a place with very able people, a place that those people are rightly proud of, and, above all, a university of unbounded potential," she observed.

"I did feel, as I met with people, that there was a strong rapport there, and that this would be a great fit. That's very important when you contemplate the commitment you're going to be making, the energy and time you're going to be expending, working to advance UNCW," she said. "The challenge of helping move UNCW even further forward intrigued me."

DePaolo believes UNCW is at a critical point in its history and development. "As a university community, we need to determine where we want to be in 10 or so years. Really, even more fundamentally, we need to decide who we want to be," she said. "I think that some discussion has to ensue about the next direction, and I'd like that to be as inclusive a process as possible."

"What I've learned is that people want to build on the solid foundation that already exists. My job will be to secure and allocate the resources to ensure we can move the university forward significantly," she said.

The challenges ahead of her are no more daunting than what she faced at Georgia College & State University six years ago where, she said, "I was asked to effect an almost 180-degree transformation. But UNCW is most certainly not a university that needs a major overhaul — thank goodness.

"What I will bring, I hope, is a sharpening of focus, working with people to determine exactly what we want to become in our next phase, and then identifying very specifically what it will take to achieve that. Overall, however, my goal is to work to establish UNCW as the preeminent public university in the Southeast - and beyond."

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University Tackles the Issue of Diversity

An atmosphere of inclusion, respect and community permeates every aspect of university life.

Thanks to vigorous recruitment practices, more women and minorities assume faculty and top-level administrative positions.

A group of African-American students visits an area middle school to promote the university's educational opportunities.

Several campus and community organizations come together to host an international festival, celebrating the area's rich ethnic and cultural diversity.

A group of qualified minorities receives college scholarships from a large corporation with strong community ties.

By Rebecca Lanning

This is diversity in action; this is the future of the University of North Carolina at Wilmington.

The importance of diversity in higher education is difficult to dispute.

According to the American Council on Education, diversity enriches the learning experience for all students by challenging existing assumptions, strengthening critical thinking skills and teaching students to communicate effectively with people from varied backgrounds.

Such benefits are more vital today than ever before as the U.S. population grows increasingly diverse, and individuals are called upon to develop greater sensitivity and responsibility to one another. Even corporate America has joined the diversity bandwagon as it recognizes the benefit of worldly-wise employees who can serve as unifying forces in communities within the larger global marketplace.

In light of such obvious benefits, how can a university develop and support strategies for achieving greater diversity?

To answer that question and help make UNCW a more positive, inclusive environment, Chancellor James R. Leutze commissioned a Blue Ribbon Committee to investigate ethnic diversity on the UNCW campus. The committee was comprised of four former UNC chancellors - Lloyd V. Hackley, chancellor emeritus, Fayetteville State University; E.K. Fretwell, chancellor emeritus, UNC Charlotte; Edward B. Fort, chancellor emeritus and professor, NC A&T State University; and Joseph Oxendine, chancellor emeritus, UNC Pembroke.

From May to August 2002, the committee gathered data from campus visits and interviews with students, parents, staff and faculty, as well as citizens and leaders in the Wilmington area. On Oct. 28, 2002, the committee released its report entitled, "The Status of Ethnic Diversity at the University of North Carolina at Wilmington."

The report cites 21 findings and 61 recommendations that have "the potential for profoundly and positively improving the educational, social and cultural climate on campus and in the region."

The challenge of diversity

The figures for fall 2002 illustrate the need for a more diverse campus community.

	Students	%	Faculty	%	Staff	%
White	9,760	91	560	92	772	81
African-American	476	4	16	3	159	17
Other*	411	4	32	5	17	2
Total	10,729		618		948	

** Other includes Hispanic, Native American, Asian, Pacific Islander and undisclosed.*

Specifically, the report stresses that "the chancellor's commitment to diversity has not permeated the entire campus" and that efforts to manage diversity issues on campus are "far too disaggregated." The report urges the university to establish closer relationships with minority organizations on campus and in the community and to develop strategies to "increase campus ethnic diversity to a level more representative of the Wilmington community," including a minority recruitment plan for students, faculty, staff and administrators.

Upon release of this report, Leutze announced the creation of the Chancellor's Task Force on Diversity. The task force was charged to address the Blue Ribbon Committee's recommendations, continue the diversity dialogue on campus and in the community and identify specific strategies for improving overall campus diversity. Leutze appointed Dr. Melton McLaurin, associate vice chancellor for academic affairs, and Dr. Michelle Howard-Vital, vice chancellor for public service and continuing studies, as co-chairs of the 24-member task force.

The task force set to work immediately, undertaking a variety of measures to answer their charge. Some of these measures included the formation of four subcommittees and the creation of a comprehensive Web site. In addition, a series of campus-wide surveys, focus groups and open forums were held with a variety of university organizations and special interest groups. After five months of data gathering, reflection and consensus, the task force released its final report on April 15.

In the report, the task force supports the Blue Ribbon Committee's consensus that diversity must permeate every aspect of the university, but they consider the committee's recommendation that UNCW's student body reflect the area's population to be unrealistic.

According to McLaurin, the university faces some real constraints when it comes to attracting minorities. "There are limited numbers of African-American and Latino students in the educational pipeline [and] a small number of African-American faculty in the national market," he states. Nevertheless, McLaurin points out, "We can make improvements. We can do a better job of recruiting."

> Addressing education leaders from across the region who gathered in May to discuss educational opportunities for minority students, Chancellor James R. Leutze said, "We need to work together on this issue. We need well-prepared students, and we are dependent upon the community colleges and public schools."

In addition to advocating improved recruitment efforts, the task force recommends that the chancellor create a Commission on Diversity to develop and implement a comprehensive, long-range diversity plan. UNCW also should encourage and provide regular opportunities for diversity training for faculty and staff.

For now, big changes will have to start with small steps. One of the first steps in affecting change may be simply talking about diversity and challenging misconceptions. (It's not just another word for affirmative action.)

According to McLaurin, getting the diversity dialogue going is one of the task force's greatest achievements. "One of the most significant outcomes of the task force was to get the entire campus to think seriously about the issue of diversity," says McLaurin. "We were very successful in getting the entire campus to look at the Blue Ribbon Committee's report."

"I do believe the chancellor strives continuously to make UNCW future oriented," said Howard-Vital. "Particularly, as you know, he has an international perspective, and he wants to prepare our graduates for a very connected world in which they will be expected to lead."

Of her experience on the task force, Howard-Vital says, "It was gratifying to consider diversity issues with the benefit of faculty and staff from diverse perspectives and life experiences. This reflects the richness of ideas and talent we have all around us. We realized that our work would have significant impact on UNCW and the various external communities. Above all, we kept our students' perceptions and lifelong needs in the forefront."

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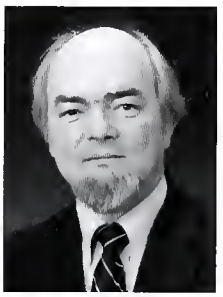
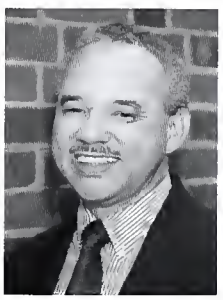
Led by a winning team.

*Tackling issues of diversity raised by the Blue Ribbon Committee, **Melton McLaurin**, left, and **Michelle Howard-Vital**, center, lead the Chancellor's Task Force on Diversity. As chair of the Commission on Diversity, **Denis Carter**, right, has been charged with making diversity a part of every aspect of the university.*





Leaving his family behind has been tough for Rich Ragland, but he gets satisfaction from knowing he's helping others.

Seeking financial security... finding patriotism

By Jessie Warren '03

Although seeking money to cover educational costs is a primary reason men and women enter military service, a heightened sense of patriotism is often the result.

Amy Barnhardt was a sophomore at UNCW when she joined the Air Force Reserves in 2001 to pay for her education. "But then I got branded with an overwhelming sense of patriotism and pride in what I do that led me to serve more than my required time," she said.

As a reservist she was required to serve one weekend a month, plus 15 additional days a year. However, last summer Barnhardt was asked to volunteer for active duty without active duty benefits. To do that she had to drop out of college and leave her new husband to work two hours away, coming home every other weekend, if she was lucky.

"As much as it killed me to leave Keith (her husband), especially at the start of a new marriage, I knew I didn't have a choice," she said. "When a smaller team from my squadron was activated to go overseas before I was, I begged to be put on it. Finally I got my chance."

In February she was deployed to assist with Operation Iraqi Freedom where, as a senior airman, she is stationed at a civil engineering control center.

Barnhardt, who began technical school Sept. 11, 2001, said she now feels selfish for having joined the Air Force for the monetary benefits. On that fateful day, she and squadron members "bawled, we prayed and we found a dedication to our country that only those who were asked to go and defend it could feel. Being as new as we were and fresh out of basic training, we were already instilled with a new sense of patriotism, but the events of September 11 literally shocked us into a new reality."

Jonathan Auten '99 became interested in the military as a child listening to the stories of his grandfather, a WWII navy veteran. However, it was a Navy scholarship that made him take the leap.

"It is a great way to pay for medical school, be ensured world class residency training and provide health care and leadership to America's sons and daughters," said Auten, now a Navy ensign.

A former UNCW Alumni Association scholarship recipient, Auten is in his fourth year of medical school in Philadelphia on a Naval Health Professions Scholarship. After graduation, he will serve an internship and residency as a Navy doctor for at least four years to fulfill his scholarship obligations.

"The greatest reward from working with the military is that I don't have to worry about being more than $250,000 in debt from school loans," he said, "and I get the pride of giving something back to a country that affords any man or woman the ability to rise to the level of their own mind."

His biggest apprehension with military service is a common one.

"Not knowing where I will be doesn't bother me now, but if I ever have a family it will become a much larger concern," he said.

Rich Ragland, who planned to begin his studies at UNCW in January but was deployed instead, knows exactly what it means to be torn between the duty of military service and the comfort of family life. The U.S. Marine Corps gunnery sergeant has given up many family moments to serve throughout the United States, Puerto Rico, Afghanistan and Kuwait, where he is now.

"I had not seen my grandfather in over three years, and he passed away without being able to speak to me. I know he would have wanted to tell me how proud he was of me. I haven't seen my parents in two years, and they both have had major surgeries in the past three months," said Ragland.

"I joined because I wanted to have a job where there was no doubt in my mind that I was helping people."

— Rich Ragland

And as if that hasn't been difficult enough to bear, Ragland said, "I wasn't there for my wife Teri to help her as she gave birth to our first child."

But Ragland accepts it all. "As a Marine, sacrifice is part of the job description. You have to be willing to give everything, including your life to get the job done.

"I joined because I wanted to have a job where there was no doubt in my mind that I was helping people," he said.

And helping sometimes comes in unexpected ways.

At an airfield in Albania, preparing to board a plane to Afghanistan, Ragland saw a group of boys gathered at a nearby fence. "One of the boys was holding up an old pillowcase that had an American flag printed on it. I went over to the boys and gave the one with the flag all the money on me, about $15, and he threw the pillowcase over. When I picked it up, I noticed that he didn't have any shoes, and it was obvious he hadn't had any in a long time, if ever," Ragland said.

"Through the unusual worldly sign language that can only be described as gestures and pointing, the boy indicated that he would be buying some shoes with the money. I will remember that day for the rest of my life."

A common thread that is helping these individuals make the most of their military service is lessons learned while at UNCW.

While her work is completely different from her studies, Barnhardt said, "The experiences I had there indeed strengthened my ability to approach my work with more knowledge of how people operate and how to deal with stressful situations that may

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Spring break alternatives nurture spirit of service

The desire to serve is nurtured at UNCW where last year students gave 31,044 hours for a variety of community service projects.

In March, through UNCW's Alternative Spring Break Program sponsored by the Center for Leadership Education and Service, more than 30 students, faculty and staff spent their vacation as community volunteers in New York and New Orleans.

"This trip really changed how I view the world. It really gave me a greater awareness of how service can make a difference in people's lives," Jennie Genthner said.

Genthner helped plan the New York trip where she, 16 fellow students and three staff advisers volunteered at a community kitchen affiliated with Broadway Presbyterian Church in Manhattan.

While serving dinner, Genthner said the group had the chance to interact with kitchen patrons. "We learned about their lives and their opinions on a variety of issues. Sometimes the homeless are viewed as objects. This experience was powerful and meaningful because we got the chance to find out about them as people."

"By far our favorite was the night that we, along with Youth Service Opportunities Project staff, prepared a lasagna dinner for individuals from a nearby homeless shelter. We were able to interact with some incredible people who have a wonderful insight into life," Benjamin Williams said.

Dusty Harrison described that night. "It gave us a chance to sit down with them as humans and really see what they had to say about certain issues. One man, I forgot his name, was very wise. We talked about politics, the city and other issues as if we had been friends all our lives. His favorite part of the city was the village, he said, because the people there saw no race, color, class or sexual orientation. He said it was the freest place on earth."

"The experience of this trip changed all of our lives," Williams said. "I realized how much I really have to be thankful for in my life. All of us on this trip obviously came from homes and families that do not know what being homeless is like. Now that we have seen just the tip of the iceberg of homelessness, we each have the responsibility to try and change it in whatever way we can, whether it is through volunteering locally or giving money to shelters and organizations that need help."

Sarah Sutton was among a group of 10 honors students who volunteered at Belle Reve in New Orleans, an organization that provides housing and support services for people with AIDS/HIV. They cleaned and painted rooms, doors and furniture and did yard work.

"Nothing could have prepared me for the impact that week would have on my life," said Sutton. "I knew all about a disease that kills, what I was about to learn was to appreciate the people living with it."

"Going into the trip, I expected the residents to be depressed. But they had a great outlook on life. It was an exciting experience that helped me appreciate what life has to offer," said Raven Davis.

"I would've never guessed I would be fighting back tears the last night we were there as we reflected on the week we had. I would've never guessed you could grow to love a group of people so much in such a short amount of time. I would've never guessed how much people can teach you about life and about yourself just by being themselves," said Sutton.

After that week, numbers and statistics seemed far less important, she noted. "My first thought when I hear something about HIV/AIDS is no longer '42 million,' and my reference to people infected is no longer 'those people.' All of that is overshadowed by the images of faces - faces that represent real people, with real lives and real emotions, faces that represent real friends.

Jamie Herring agreed. "This trip changed my outlook. We got to see AIDS patients as people, not statistics. We all enjoyed ourselves, and the service was the greatest part. It has inspired me to want to do more in the future."

No palm trees and bikinis on these spring break trips — UNCW students traveled to New York City and New Orleans to do community service. ***Jane Genthner, Tyler LaBach, Darian Graves and Rebecca Tatum,*** *middle, worked in a New York soup kitchen.* ***Victoria Glasser*** *and* ***Hollon Peterson,*** *bottom left and right, did some sprucing up at* Belle Reve, *a center for individuals with HIV/AIDS.*

New Heights, from p. 7

DePaolo said, "I've been impressed by the people I met who were associated with UNCW. Their commitment to and love of this university are unparalleled. They are all ready, able and willing to promote UNCW's continued momentum, and I am looking forward to working with them to help realize what I see as this university's clearly unlimited potential.

"MY GOAL IS TO WORK TO ESTABLISH UNCW AS THE PREEMINENT PUBLIC UNIVERSITY IN THE SOUTHEAST — AND BEYOND."

"Six years ago at GC&SU, I saw a university I could believe in, saw where it needed to be, and made sure it got there. And the fit here at UNCW seems similarly so good, because there are so many talented people of good will, who would rather, it's apparent to me, find ways to make things happen, than find ways of saying it can't be done."

A major part of her job will be securing additional funds to supplement state funding and income from tuition and fees, because as UNC President Molly Broad said, "The margin of excellence will never come from state funding. It will have to come from private support."

DePaolo is up to the challenge.

"Undoubtedly, much of my time will be focused on ensuring we have the resources to maintain and advance quality. I am really looking forward to working with people to give them the opportunity to help support excellence in education, and so many people respond to that. You just have to give them the opportunity, and it's wonderful when they do," she said.

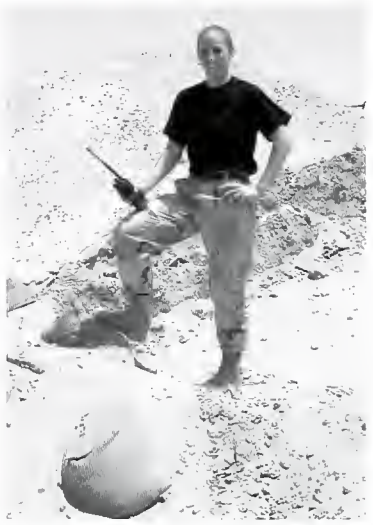
Diversity, from p. 9

Upon release of the task force's report, Leutze immediately underscored his commitment to diversity by acting on one of the task force's most significant recommendations. He appointed Dr. Denis Carter, associate vice chancellor of academic affairs, planning and outreach, as chair of the Commission on Diversity.

Carter, who served on the task force, says, "I am honored to be asked to lead UNCW's diversity initiative. It is the type of challenge that inspires innovative growth."

Regarding the future of diversity at UNCW, Howard-Vital states, "Dr. Rosemary DePaolo has already declared that diversity will be one of her focuses as she assumes the chancellorship at UNCW. I am very optimistic about the Commission on Diversity, chaired by Dr. Denis Carter. I expect to see a diversity plan that clarifies how diversity will permeate the university. I expect to hear more students discuss the benefits of learning in a UNCW environment that prepares them better for a diverse and interdependent world."

This spring, senior ***Kiajfa Williamson*** *participated in the Senior Sankofa ceremony, established by the UNCW African American Graduates Association to honor graduating African-American students. Sankofa, a word from the Akan languages of West Africa, means "wisdom in learning from the post to build for the future" and symbolizes an African rite of passage. Williamson said, "It's an honor and an opportunity to reflect on my past accomplishments as an African-American student at UNCW. Williamson, who came to Wilmington from Washington, D.C., said the transition was a difficult one at first. "But," she added, "diversity on campus is increasing. UNCW is coming around."*



Now stationed near Kuwait, ***Amy Barnhardt*** *joined the Air Force Reserve to pay for her education and found a new sense of patriotism through her military service.*

Patriotism, from p. 10

not require physical answers. I learned to be a flexible, quick-thinking and more responsible individual, which has helped me immeasurably in my career field."

While class work prepared him for the first two years of medical school, Auten said, "It is the UNCW community that prepared me for my clinical rotations and the challenge Navy medicine will provide."

Dr. William Wagoner, the late chancellor emeritus at UNCW, had a big influence on Auten who was friends with his son Mark. "The few afternoon conversations that Dr. Wagoner spent speaking with me have by far had the largest impact on my life. I was at my own crossroads, and he gave me perspective into where I was at that point in my life. I know I will be a better physician and Naval officer from the simple wisdom that he shared with me," Auten said.

Ragland has also found support in the UNCW community, including his fellow classmates in Leadership Wilmington.

"They have provided much needed support for my wife and I through this difficult time," Ragland said. "I look forward to returning to the U.S. to conclude my service to the Marine Corps, thank everyone who has supported me, make up for lost time with my family and continue my studies at UNCW."

Privately funded hall to recognize teachers

By Mary Beth Bankson

The centerpiece of UNCW's new school of education is a soaring, sky-lit, cathedral-like atrium that will honor educators from all 100 counties in the state.

While construction of the building is funded by the 2000 Higher Education Facilities Bond Referendum, the North Carolina Teachers Legacy Hall, which will be located in the atrium, is being developed with private dollars being secured by the Legacy Hall Committee. The efforts of two members have been particularly outstanding.

"Vinton Fountain and Bob Warwick have been leaders in the Watson School Legacy Hall effort. Each has given time and energy to help us obtain the dollars to honor teachers in the state of North Carolina. This effort would not be possible but for people like these two men," said Dr. Cathy Barlow, dean of the Watson School of Education.

They have shepherded the project since it began in fall 2002. In that short time, the school is over halfway toward its goal of $600,000. Harris Teeter, Wachovia and Progress Energy have led the effort with flagship donations to the Legacy Hall. The Wilmington business community has been a leader in the project that is deemed to be the first of its kind.

The hall, which will open in spring 2004, will focus on the history of education in North Carolina and honor teachers with museum-like displays and showcase items. The goal is to do something positive for education and help recruit, retain and recognize teachers.

Chair of the Legacy Hall Committee, Fountain has been on the Watson School of Education Advisory Board for three years. He supports UNCW because he believes the university is a tremendous asset to the community and has a big impact on the area.

"Success builds success," he said. "Any personal investment of time or resources will only help to benefit greatly from having a first-class educational institution in southeastern North Carolina."

Fountain also believes that "teachers deserve more respect. We have all been influenced by teachers in our lives, and this project will pay homage to teachers."

Warwick, too, recognizes the importance of supporting UNCW which he believes is the single most positive contribution to life in the region. Over the past 15 years, he has dedicated his time and talent to UNCW by serving on numerous boards including the Board of Trustees, which he chaired for two years.

His motivation for involvement in the Legacy Hall campaign is that he believes that "teachers need appropriate recognition for their service in our state" and the hall "gives people an opportunity to make an investment in our area through education."

The committee has raised over $345,000 toward the $600,000 goal.

"We have had great support for this project and many on our committee have led by example," said Dean Barlow. "Besides the volunteer work, we have received financial support from committee members. It amazes me sometimes."

"Serving on a volunteer board is a great way to give back to the community," said Fountain.

Warwick adds, "I know there are several ways to get involved at UNCW, and I encourage UNCW alumni and the Wilmington community to get involved with this great campus."

Other Legacy Hall Committee members are: James Ballantine, Hamilton Hicks, Ann H. Smith, Gayle Van Velsor, Frank Block, Dorothy Marshall, Kevin Yearwood, Dianne Avery, Betty McComas and Bambi MacRae.

Photo by Marybeth K. Bianchi

Robert Warwick and Vinton Fountain are leading the effort to raise funds for the North Carolina Teachers Legacy Hall that will be housed in the orched atrium at the center of the school of education building, scheduled to open in spring 2004.

Hartsook Fellowship established in creative writing

Nationally respected fund-raising consultant, author and lecturer Robert F. Hartsook and the Hartsook Companies Inc., one of the country's largest fund-raising/consulting firms, established the Austin Robert Hartsook Fellowship in Creative Writing.

Named in honor of Hartsook's son, the fellowship will support graduate students in the Master of Fine Arts in Creative Writing program. Up to $10,000 will be awarded annually.

The fellowship commitment is $100,000 funded at the rate of $10,000 annually by a pledge from Hartsook Companies, Inc., and a $200,000 bequest to endow the fellowship in Hartsook's estate.

The initial recipients are Elizabeth King Humphrey, a fiction writer from Wilmington, and Paul Gasbarra, a poet from Oklahoma City. Both students graduated this spring and will use the funding to concentrate on completing their book-length master's theses.

Cockrell re-elected board chairman

Ray Cockrell '88, '96M was elected to a second term as chair of the UNCW Alumni Association.

Also returning for second terms are Ed Vosnock '71 as vice chair and Donis Noe Smith '86, '94M as treasurer. New to the executive board is Morgan Harris McKoy '99 as secretary.

Board members re-elected to serve three-year terms are Jason Wheeler '99, Jenean Todd, Jennifer Adams '00, Melissa Blackburn-Walton '87, Mark Tyler '87 and Nadine Batuyios '73.

Patrick Gunn '00 is returning as an alternate board member, serving a one-year term. New members are Robert Rideout '95, Jeff Mann '92, James E. Jones Jr. '88, Trudy Maus '91, Audrey Porter '88, Gayle Hayes Lofton '89 and Robert Warren '79.

Individuals retiring from the board are immediate past chair Bill Herrett '87, Tricia Staton '93, Sherred Weidner '82, Todd Godin '96, Livian Jones '95M, Meghan McCleery '98, Megan Parpart '98, Anne Johnson '91 and Steve Hobbs '76.

New chapter representatives have also been appointed. They include Karen Jenkins Cheek '89, AAGA, and Melissa Blackburn-Walton '87, Cameron School of Business. Shanda Williams Bordeaux '92 will lead the Past Chairs' Council.

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- The opportunity to use Wise Alumni House.

Alumni around the world are making a difference

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UNCW alumni are the best of the best! We are over 37,000 strong and located in every state in the nation and in more than 161 countries.

More than 3,000 alumni are coded "lost" in our database; our goal is to "find" you! Sadly, too, over 400 alumni are now deceased, including our first registered Wilmington College student, Robert S. Hufham Jr., class of 1949.

We have over 8,000 e-mail addresses for alumni and friends, and we need yours so we can stay in touch. We have found that e-mail is an easy, fast, inexpensive and valuable way to communicate our alumni and university news. *Seahawk Spotlight*, our monthly e-newsletter, has been well received.

Our alumni are leaders in every sense of the word. They are leading our soldiers in Iraq and other parts of the world. They are serving in the North Carolina legislature. They are prosecuting, defending and judging in our courtrooms. They are writing, acting, directing and filming. They are growing, feeding, cooking, owning and managing restaurants. They are saving the environment, volunteering and making a real difference. Our alumni are CEOs, CFOs and outright pros.

Since January 2003, I have been fortunate to travel to five states to visit our dynamic alumni who are delivering the goods in our classrooms, courts, boardrooms, construction sites, movie sets, ocean floor, shore and in the skies. We are everywhere and making UNCW proud.

The UNCW Alumni Association is your link, and we want to hear from you and about you. One of the joys of alumni work is the relationships that blossom through reaching out and making these connections that strengthen UNCW for the long run.

From our alumni friends in North Carolina, over 22,000, to those in Virginia, over 1,000; New York, over 300; New Jersey, over 350; and Tennessee, over 150, – you are making a difference in your home states and for your alma mater. I look forward to joining you and your fellow graduates for more alumni gatherings to build UNCW's presence.

The more involved and unified we are, the bigger impact we can have for UNCW. Alumni spirit is forever, long past the days of student life. I invite you to join me as we create opportunities to get to know and involve our new chancellor, Dr. Rosemary DePaolo. She is going to love UNCW and you, and she will take alumni, students, faculty, staff, friends and community to the next level of greatness.

Thank you, special alumni friends, for your commitment to our alumni association and UNCW. Please call, e-mail, write and reach out to your alumni friends and our office – we need you.

With alumni spirit,

Patricia Corcoran Smith '72

The Gat-Em-On Live Bait Club donated $12,500 to UNCW. The money will be used to fund a $2,500 fellowship for a UNCW marine science graduate student with $10,000 being used to establish an endowment. Through its annual golf tournament, the club has raised a total of $32,500 over the last five years. Dr. Dave Raye, Chip Callier, Dr. Tom Lankford '86 and Dr. Craig Bailey participated in last year's tournament. The 2003 event will be held Sept. 27 at the Cape Golf and Racquet Club.

Chancellor Leutze's vision has increased value of UNCW degree

Greetings fellow alumni! I'm sure you all will agree that our degree is more valuable today than when it was received. I'm also sure you all will agree that Chancellor James Leutze played a significant role in making that happen.

For those of us at UNCW when Dr. Leutze arrived, we knew we were in for something special, but none of us realized at that time the magnitude of the impact he would have on our alma mater. Chancellor Leutze created and instilled a vision of excellence that has driven UNCW to where it is today. We thank him for his contribution and tenure.

We now find ourselves on the brink of a new chapter in the history of our university. Chancellor-elect Rosemary DePaolo promises to bring the same vision of excellence and the determination and energy to take UNCW forward. I can tell you first-hand that Dr. DePaolo is just what UNCW needs in a new leader.

I was fortunate over the last few months to represent you, UNCW and Wilmington College alumni, in the search for a new chancellor. We began the process with excitement at the endless possibilities of potential leaders.

We started by taking a hard look inside. We talked with faculty, staff, students and community members, and relied on the expertise of a national consultant to ensure our vision, mission and search criteria were clear.

A total of 135 candidates were nominated, of which 117 formally declared their candidacy. The search committee looked closely at this strong and diverse pool, and then met personally with 15 individuals to narrow the field to five finalists. Those five were invited to campus and three names were submitted to the Office of the President for consideration.

At all points in the process, Dr. DePaolo received unanimous support from the 19-member search committee, and subsequently received unanimous support from the UNCW Board of Trustees. Without question, Dr. Rosemary DePaolo was the No. 1 choice for our new chancellor.

Cockrell

Throughout the process, I was fortunate to be able to meet with Dr. DePaolo and talk individually about the important role that alumni play in the university. She is very supportive of alumni, and I believe we can look forward to great things under her dynamic leadership.

I thank you for the opportunity to represent you in this capacity. The experience was exciting, invigorating, humbling and exhausting – and one that I will not soon forget.

And just as we are excited about Dr. DePaolo's arrival, we are eagerly looking forward to the coming year. This has been a busy and successful year reflecting an increase in programs and events for alumni, the growth of three new affiliate chapters, an increase in alumni participation and giving, and a momentum that will carry us with excitement and enthusiasm into the new year. With your support, we can do great things!

In alumni spirit,

Ray Cahill '88 + '94M

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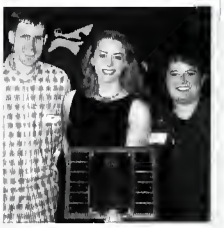
Outstanding alumni recognized for work

The Cape Fear Alumni Chapter is the UNCW Alumni Association's 2003 Soaring Chapter. Chapter president Jodi Chilcote '98 accepted the award for the chapter and was recognized by the alumni board of directors for her hard work.

Melissa Blackburn-Walton '87 is Rookie of the Year. She is very supportive of the Cameron School of Business and the chapter and was instrumental in the planning of Business Week and the chapter's Picnic in the Park.



Meghan McCleery '98 is the 2003 UNCW Young Alumnus of the Year. As a member of the alumni association board of directors, McCleery cochairs the award/nominations committee. She is active in the Triangle Chapter, was the impetus behind the success of the Brookhill Steeple Chase event in 2001 and assisted with the NFL Adventure and Durham Bulls events.

Dr. Sherick "Roc" Hughes '97 is the Communication Studies Alumnus of the Year. After earning a master's in communications from Wake Forest University, a master's in public administration from UNC and a doctorate from the UNC School of Education, he has accepted a position as professor of social foundations at the University of Toledo.

Christina Hollis, a registered nurse at New Hanover Regional Medical Center, is the UNCW School of Nursing 2003 Outstanding Alumna. As coordinator for the medical center's Southeastern Regional Advisory Committee on Trauma, Hollis organizes regional disaster preparedness efforts between hospitals, first responders, emergency management and state agencies.

Danielle Platt '95, '00M, exceptional children teacher with Pender County Schools, is the Watson School of Education Alumna of the Year.

Chapter News

AAGA

Karen Jenkins Cheek '89 was elected president of the African American Graduate Association at homecoming. Gia Todd Long '91 is president-elect, Brian McNeil '99, vice president, Veronica Davis '89, treasurer and Tina Ford Johnson '91, secretary.

AAGA baard members.

Chapter representative Ophelia Anderson '87 attended Stompin' at the Savoy 2003, a fund-raiser for minority scholarships, on April 26. AAGA is supporting the effort to raise money for the Doug Johnson Memorial Scholarship. Senior Sankofa, AAGA's event to honor graduating black students was held May 16 at Wise Alumni House. Contact: Karen Jenkins Cheek '89, 919.718.6639 or karen_cheek@unc.edu.

Atlanta Chapter

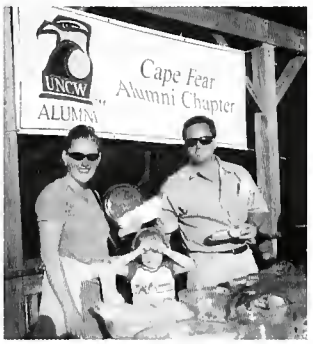
Atlanta alumni joined Pat Smith '72, alumni relations executive director, Feb. 22 for dinner at Frankie's Sports Bar while Pat was in town for the annual Council for the Advancement and Support of Education (CASE) conference. The chapter stayed close to the action during the men's basketball season by watching games at Frankie's. Chapter leaders Laura Medlin '93 and Todd Olesiuk '99 took the Atlanta alumni banner to Nashville to cheer on the Seahawks against Maryland in the first round of the NCAA tournament. The chapter is planning an Atlanta Braves outing this summer. Contact: Laura Medlin '93, lmedlin@mfllaw.com, or Todd Olesiuk '99, TODD.OLESIUK@morganstanley.com.

Cameron School of Business Chapter

The chapter continued to increase its involvement with the school of business and Business Week on campus by sponsoring an MBA executive discussion and

Alumni participated in Business Week.

hosting a session on changes in the banking industry featuring Mark Tyler '87, Lisa Harris '84, Helen Stevens '84, '90M, and Kelly Stevens '84. Melissa Blackburn-Walton '87 represented the chapter on the Business Week committee and secured donations of food and drinks for the two-day event. The chapter is planning its annual picnic at Hugh MacRae Park in August. New officers were elected at the May 31 meeting with Melissa Blackburn-Walton '87 taking over the reins as president. Contact: Blackburn-Walton '87, mmwalton@bellsouth.net.



Alumni at the Grand Slam Jam.

Cape Fear Chapter

Members gathered at Alleigh's March 21 to cheer for the Seahawks in the NCAA tournament. Alumni board chair Ray Cockrell '88, '96M hosted the event. This year's Grand Slam Jam cookout was delayed a week because of rain, but a great time was had by the 90 attendees on April 16 when the Seahawk baseball team took on Campbell at Brooks Field. The 10th annual Cape Fear Alumni Golf Classic escaped the rain April 26 at Echo Farms Golf & Country Club and raised around $4,000 for alumni scholarships. Thanks to BellSouth, James E. Moore Insurance, Josten's, Bob King Pontiac, WWAY-TV3 and Aramark for their corporate sponsorships. Also thanks to the golf tournament committee and other volunteers: Jodi Chilcote '98, Dru Farrar '73, Ray Cockrell, Mike Wilson '89, Jason T. Wheeler '99, Lou Smith '73, McGavock Edwards '96, Becky Fancher '78, Joanie D. Martin '91, Mark Tyler '87, Donis Noe Smith '86, '94M, Aaron Oliver '81 and Kristin Asher '02. Contact: Jodi Chilcote '98, 910.793.6797.

Charlotte Chapter

Thanks to the leadership of president Sandy Saburn '89, the chapter is now up to 70 members. The chapter has monthly after-hours events around the city, and alumni met at Coach's and Champ's to watch the men's basketball games during the regular season, CAA tournament and the NCAA tournament. Upcoming plans include a family-oriented event in June, an event to welcome the new chancellor and, for the second year in a row, a social for incoming freshmen from Charlotte in August. The chapter is considering a road trip to Wilmington for Homecoming 2004. Contact: Sandy Saburn '89, 704.643.0616 or ssaburn@yahoo.com.

Communication Studies Chapter

The chapter sponsored its second annual Communication Studies Day April 25 which included alumni speaking in classes, a roundtable discussion on careers, a job fair, tours of Lakeside Hall, a reception for alumni and faculty and the senior banquet.

Communication Studies Day alumni panel.

Contact: Aaron Oliver '81, aaron284@bellsouth.net.

MALS Chapter

The Masters of Arts and Liberal Studies Alumni Chapter held its kickoff event May 9 at Wise Alumni House when it sponsored a potluck dinner for about 35 current MALS students, faculty and alumni. Contact: Joanie D. Martin '91, beachinbeemer@msn.com.

New York/New Jersey Chapter

The elegant Forest Hills Country Club in Bloomfield, N.J., was the site of the inaugural chapter gathering of alumni from New York and New Jersey, hosted by sisters, Joan Clifford '86 and Karen Warus '86. It started off with hors d'oeuvres, drinks and reminiscing about both Wilmington College and UNCW days and was followed by a buffet luncheon and elegant desserts from a very famous bakery in New Jersey. Special guests included UNCW Provost and Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs Paul Hosier and his wife Liz '91M; Bob Wicklund, proud father of Joan and Karen and director of federal programs at UNCW; and Pat Smith '72, executive director of alumni relations. Attendees included Frank Csulak '79, Jack Loftus '66, Dan Crowley '98, Terry Landrigan '93M, Fran Young '90, Devon Speas '98, Joan Clifford '86, Karen Warus '87 and Graham Jacobson '96.

Alumni gather far inaugural even

Blackmare gives Dr. Leutze an alumni pin.

Past Chairs' Council

The council hosted Chancellor Jim Leutze at its April 29 meeting. He made stirring comments of how proud he is of UNCW 's strides nationally and internationally and how really great he thinks the university is. The council in turn shared with him the powerful impact that he has had on UNCW, the community and beyond. The Honorable Rebecca W. Blackmore '75, council chair, "pinned" Dr. Leutze with an emerald alumni lapel pin, as a tribute for his service to UNCW. The council will again award its J. Marshall Crews Distinguished Faculty Award at the first faculty meeting in August. The council's next meeting will be at 6 p.m. July 29 at Wise Alumni House.

Richmond Chapter

The chapter sponsored a pre-CAA tournament party March 7 at Sharky's in Richmond. President Sam Mintz '02 and other area alumni joined alumni staff and alumni in town for the tournament for a wonderful evening. They socialized, played pool, listened to a live band and shared the Seahawk spirit that helped the team repeat as conference champions. Contact: Sam Mintz '02, smintz@scottstringfellow.com.

Richmand alumni hasted a pre-CAA tournament social.

School of Nursing Chapter

The chapter supported Nurse's Week May 5-9 by attending the Nursing Alumni Day at Cape Fear Memorial Hospital and New Hanover Regional Medical Center. Alumni relations staff talked with nursing alumni at receptions on May 8 at both hospitals. President Megan Parpart '98 was recognized by the association's board of directors for her service to the chapter and dedication to the School of Nursing. Alumni staff attended the school's annual Research Day program April 4. Contact: Tom Lamont '80, 910.962.2684 or lamontt@uncw.edu.

Tennessee Chapter

John Faill '80 and Amanda Cannady '97 are leading this new affiliate chapter. The two helped the alumni relations office organize a social at Eddie George's Sports Bar in Nashville on March 21 before the UNCW-Maryland first-round NCAA game. It proved to be the loudest place for Seahawk alumni and fans prior to the game. The chapter hopes to have its first official event later this year. Contact: Amanda Cannaday '97, amanda_cannady@hotmail.com, or Jonathan Faill '80, jfaill@comcast.net.

The new Tennessee Chapter hasted alumni during the NCAA tournament.

Triangle Chapter

Chapter members attended the university's legislative event Feb. 18 at the North Carolina Museum of Natural Sciences and hosted a social at Tir Na Nog Irish Pub where Paul Hosier, interim provost and vice chancellor of academic affairs, and Mike Capaccio, executive director of the Seahawk Club, spoke. The chapter supported the men's basketball team through the regular season and the CAA Tournament, but it was the NCAA tournament event at Playmakers that brought out over 50 alumni to watch the Seahawks play Maryland on the big screen. The chapter held its annual Durham Bulls baseball event on May 4, a perfect day for baseball, food, fun and fellowship for over 100 alumni and their families. The chapter is planning its second annual NFL Adventure to Charlotte to see the Carolina Panthers in the fall. Contact: Bekki Bennett '91, 919.362.7152 or Bekki@exec-events.com.

Triangle alumni gather at Durham Bulls ballfield.

Washington, D.C., Chapter

Some members of the D.C. Chapter attended two UNCW men's basketball games this year: Jan. 27 when the Seahawks played at George Mason University and Feb. 22 at Towson. Twenty-five people attended a chapter-sponsored baseball event April 25 at Camden Yards when the Baltimore Orioles played the Boston Red Sox. The chapter has started happy hour events for alumni in both D.C. and Baltimore and is planning another baseball event at Camden Yards for later this summer. The chapter is planning an event for incoming UNCW freshmen from the Washington, D.C., area to wish them well as they venture to Wilmington to begin their college careers. Contact: Cheri Arnott '97, uncwdcalums@hotmail.com.

Watson School of Education Chapter

Ann Grose '90 was reelected chapter president at the spring dinner on May 1. Dr. Cathy Barlow, dean of the Watson School of Education, was guest speaker at the meeting and gave an update on the construction on the School of Education building. Scott Joyner, director of development for the school of education, discussed fund-raising efforts. Recipients of the Watson School of Education Alumni Scholarships are Jennifer Chipman and Andrea Ervin. The chapter plans to continue its mentoring bookmark for student teachers, its Distinguished Alumnus Award and its annual fall lecture. Contact: Ann Grose '90, 910.392.4520 or Ann_Grose@hotmail.com.

Wilmington College Chapter

Wilmington College alumni have reached the $21,000 mark in their effort to raise $25K to endow a scholarship in the name of Wilmington College. They hope to reach their goal by June 30. They meet monthly at Jackson's Big Oak Barbecue in Wilmington to keep the connection strong between those who experienced student life at "the college." On May 16, chapter representative Jim Medlin '50, professor emeritus J. Marshall Crews and Executive Director Pat Smith '72 traveled to Raleigh to present an appeal to the N. C. Highway Historical Marker Advisory Committee regarding the rejected proposal to mark the original site of Wilmington College at the now razed site of the Isaac Bear Elementary School on 13th and Market streets. The June 7 reunion held at the North Carolina Aquarium at Fort Fisher was enjoyed by all. Special thanks go to Bill and Bob Dobo for securing the aquarium for this special reunion celebration.

Young Alumni Council

Approximately 25 area alumni participated in a "career expo" sponsored by the council in cooperation with UNCW Career Services, joining current students to network with potential employers. The council is hosting a cookout for members on June 14 at Wrightsville Beach. The next major event will be Oct. 3-5 during Riverfest. The Young Alumni Council is open to 1993-2003 graduates. Contact: Tom Gale '98, ducal@bigfoot.com.

Young Alumni Council at Wise Alumni House.

50s

Beverly Parsons Whisnant '57 was honored as Wake Forest's Citizen of the Year. She is a vital part of her community, and this is evident in her involvement as a charter member of the Wake Forest Kiwanis Club, past officer and head of docents at Wake Forest Birthplace Museum, member of the Wake Forest Woman's Club and the Historic Preservation Commission. She is president of the Wake Forest Community Council and a teacher for the Hispanic outreach ministry at Wake Forest Baptist Church.

60s

David Allen '69 was featured in an article on the front page of Jan. 15, 2003, *Wilmington Star-News* Neighbors section. He retired in January as assistant principal at New Hanover High School and was given the Superintendent's Award for making a significant difference in the lives of New Hanover County children. He is teaching French and creative writing on a part-time basis at North Brunswick High School.

80s

Susan Moss Deans '84 is the regional inclusion specialist with Partnerships for Inclusion. She and her husband, John, have two children, Drake and Timothy. The family resides in Whiteville.

Jill Kremer Cogdill '85 has published her first children's book, *Cracker the Crab and the Sideways Afternoon*. She illustrated the book which was written by her husband Michael. The couple lives in Greenville, S.C., where Jill runs her business, Jill K. Cogdill and Associates. Information on the book can be viewed at www.twobearproducts.com.

Shannon Baker Forsythe '89 was chosen as Employee of the First Quarter for Urology Associates of SENC, PA. She has worked with them for 13 years and is the administrative assistant.

90s

The Cleveland Indians in March promoted **Carl Willis '90** to major league pitching coach. He is in his seventh season with the organization, having served the last two seasons at AAA Buffalo.

Rhonda Ezzell Jessup '92 was featured in a full-page feature article in the April 13 edition of the *Goldsboro News-Argus*, titled "A balanced life: Rhonda Jessup finds joy in time spent with family and college." Jessup is director of public affairs for Mount Olive College. She and her husband, Roger, have a son and are expecting their second child in October.

McGinley

Jack McGinley '92 was promoted to financial services manager at First Citizens Bank in Fayetteville. Jack also serves as an executive board member and treasurer of the Fayetteville Downtown Alliance, finance committee member for the United Way of Cumberland County and board member for the Methodist College Foundation.

Sterling Pendleton '92, who has a master's degree in political science from Appalachian State University and a J.D. from Ohio Northern University, is Judge Advocate General (JAG) officer in the U.S. Air Force.

Sam White '92 is the editor of *Billfishing Magazine*, the official publication of the World Billfish Series. He resides in St. Petersburg, Fla.

Pruzan

Leon Pruzan '93 was elected vice president of First Citizens Bank in Wilmington where he is a retail market executive. He is a board member of the Wilmington Children's Museum, a member of the Wrightsville Beach King Mackerel Tournament Committee and treasurer of the Wilmington Young Life Committee.

Gail York-Scimeca '93 received a master's degree in higher education administration from Appalachian State University and was accepted into the Educational Specialist Program at ASU.

Bonnie Baxter Briceno '96 is a media specialist with Montgomery County Public Schools in Rockville, Md., where she resides.

McGavock Henderson Edwards '96 was awarded the professional designation Accredited in Public Relations (APR) by the Public Relations Society of America. She is a public relations counselor with Epley Associates in Raleigh and is a member of the UNCW Alumni Association Board of Directors.

Jennifer Dearolf '98M graduated from Cornell University in 2002 with a Ph.D. in zoology. She is an assistant professor at Hendrix College, where she teaches comparative vertebrate anatomy, senior seminar and organismal biology.

Katherine Tootoo Makepeace '98 was named co-leader of local chapter of Mothers & More, a nonprofit organization. **Lawrence Makepeace '99** is a financial advisor with Merrill Lynch in Wilmington. The couple has two children, Rachel and Samuel.

Wheeler

Lesia Wheeler '98 was promoted to financial services manager at First Citizens Bank in Wendell. Lesia is a member of the Economic Development Committee for the Wendell Chamber of Commerce.

Liz Cherry '99 is enrolled in the sociology graduate program at the University of Georgia in Athens.

Heather Nanni DeBuse '98 is a third grade teacher at Chesapeake Academy in Arnold, Md. She and her husband, Mark, reside in Edgewater, Md.

Ross Sparboe '99 was accepted in the Master of Social Work Program at the University of South Carolina.

00s

Stephen Bon '01 is a staff writer with *The State Port Pilot* in Southport. He covers the Brunswick County government, the judicial system, law enforcement and the Town of St. James.

Denise Malloy Hubbard '01M is the development coordinator for the Cape Fear Museum.

Christine Huber '01 opened a new restaurant, Fibber McGee's, in Wrightsville Beach.

Tony McEwen '01 was elected vice president of the Young Democrats of North Carolina. He won the seat at the

Rhoades' fellowship provides new perspectives

By Stephanie L. Kirby '03

Michael Rhoades '01M was one of the 63 individuals across the nation to receive the 2003 American Marshall Memorial Fellowship for three weeks of intensive study of European institutions and European and transatlantic economic, political and social issues.

Rhoades said the time he spent this spring with the European Parliament gave him a great opportunity to hear the concerns of the EU concerning the U.S./Iraq war. "Regardless of how we stand in our support for a war with Iraq, we must now deal with the global consequences of the failure to find a diplomatic compromise at the UN. The UN, NATO and the EU institutions have been destabilized at a crucial time in their history and development," said Rhoades.

The goal of the fellowship is to educate the next generation of American leaders on the importance of the transatlantic relationship and to equip them with the knowledge to work with European counterparts on a range of international and domestic issues.

A state lobbyist and advocate for programs that support people with disabilities, Rhoades is the owner of Learning Perspectives Inc. which provides outpatient rehabilitation services for children who suffer from chronic developmental or neurobiological disorders. He is also vice president active for programs with the Cape Fear Chapter of the North Carolina World Trade Association.

organization's spring 2003 statewide convention in Chapel Hill.

Ryan M. Autry '02 received his commission as a naval officer after completing Officer Candidate School at Naval Aviation Schools Command, Naval Air Station, Pensacola, Fla.

Leanna Daly '02 is working in the pediatric ICU at Duke University Medical Center. She resides in Durham.

Lopez

Adrien Lopez '02 was awarded a 2003-04 Rotary Ambassadorial Scholarship from Rotary District 7730 which covers Southeastern North Carolina. She will attend graduate school at Universidad Catolica de Valparaiso in Valparaiso, Chile. The scholarship will enable Lopez to study abroad for one year and provide funding for transportation, tuition and fees, room, board, educational supplies and language training. It is valued at $25,000. Lopez has been teaching English at Day Star School in Juticalpa, Honduras.

Hilary Snow '02 is a staff writer with *The State Port Pilot* in Southport. She covers news and feature events.

Weddings

Jeffrey J. Larson '82 and Inga S. Stumborg on Oct. 5, 2002.

William J. Haughton '84 and Nina Auyeung on Sept. 9, 2001. The couple resides in Newark, Del.

Michelle Calderone '92 and Chris Widmann on July 6, 2002. Michelle is manager of clinical development for Inspire Pharmaceuticals Inc. in Durham. The couple resides in Cary.

Christopher L. Blair '94 and **Erin A. Brown '92** on Nov. 9, 2002. The couple resides in Wilmington.

April Dean '95 and Kevin Dilda on April 12, 2003. The couple resides in Mt. Olive.

Heather L. McKinnon '95 and Richard K. Lane on March 16, 2002. Heather is a loan officer with Atlantic Bay Mortgage. The couple resides in Wilmington.

Stephanie Pelling '96 and Glenn Blackburn on Oct. 19, 2002. The couple lives in Wilmington.

Chad K. Parks '98 and Susan L. Mills on April 26, 2003. The couple resides in Wilmington.

Melissa D. Wells '98 and Keith Daniel on March 22, 2003. Melissa is employed by the Pender County Board of Education.

Brandon R. Hall '99 and **Kristy L. Barnes '00** on Nov. 2, 2002. Brandon is an assistant baseball coach at UNC Charlotte, and Kristy is family services director for the Simmons YMCA. The couple resides in Charlotte.

Kimberly A. Kelly '99 and Marty S. Longbottom on April 26, 2003. They reside in Wilmington.

Mary Lou Klein '99 and Scott Schweizer on Nov. 30, 2002. Mary Lou is a research assistant at the University of Pittsburgh. The couple resides in Pittsburgh, Pa.

Howard Luckenbaugh '99 and Michelle Pence on April 19, 2003.

Four UNCW alumni graduated in 2002 from North Carolina Central School of Law. All passed the N.C. State Bar and are practicing law. Pictured, left to right, are: Emily M. Jordan '99, Brian M. Bullard '92, Cameron F. Harrison '96 and Devon White '93, '95M. Bullard and White were national finalists in the 2003 American Bar Association Negotiation Competition in Philadelphia.

World class kiteboarder faces toughest contest yet

By Heather White '03

It is hard to imagine how one day you are skimming across the surface of the ocean using a large kite to power your way through the waves, and the next day you are battling a life-threatening disease.

After her victory in a kiteboarding competition in Baja Sur, Mexico, former UNCW volleyball player Sheldon Plentovich '93 found herself fighting for her life, instead of a good wind.

Plentovich had not been feeling well when a nagging tooth infection forced her to see a doctor. The blood test revealed the unimaginable. The well-known kiteboarder was diagnosed with leukemia in January 2003.

Jen Parks Pate, her former UNCW roommate, said she is looking at this as another kiteboarding competition, where she will do everything possible to come out on top. "Right now she is busy challenging her doctors by coming up with new ideas for treatment and by researching all the medicine she is administered," said Pate.

After undergoing chemotherapy treatments in Hawaii, Plentovich is in Seattle, Wash., where, in late April, she completed a bone marrow transplant with her brother, Todd, serving as the donor.

Plentovich

"Sheldon is a strong and amazing person," said Pate. "If anyone will beat this disease it will be her. She is taking this challenge on headfirst by keeping her spirits up and focusing on her recovery. Sheldon is keeping a great attitude and is already asking doctors how soon it will be before she can be back on the water."

Originally from Portsmouth, Va., Plentovich was a student-athlete who excelled both inside and outside the classroom at UNCW.

"Sheldon was one of the most dedicated, driven and intelligent volleyball players I have ever experienced in my 19 years of coaching at the Division 1 level," said Kathy McDaniel, the former UNCW volleyball coach. "She had a positive and competitive personality and she was more than willing to go the extra mile to be the best athlete and student as possible."

Plentovich has won several first-and second-place kiteboarding championships all over the world including first-place at the Red Bull King of the Air Championship in 2002.

Plentovich has been living in Kailua, Hawaii, for the past three years where she is a doctoral student and a National Science Foundation K-12 teaching fellow at the University of Hawaii, Manoa.

According to Plentovich's Web site, the teaching program gives her the opportunity to share her interests with students and teachers. She believes that education is the key to conservation in the future.

Plentovich conducts research on endangered species for the United States Fish and Wildlife Service. She specializes in restoration ecology and conservation biology and recently spent two years on a South Pacific island studying the Marianas Crow.

Her family and friends are joining forces to help her beat this disease. One way they are showing their support is by raising money to pay her medical and living expenses while she is hospitalized and receiving treatment. In Wilmington, they organized a volleyball tournament in May at Capt'n Bills Bar and Grill with all proceeds going to a fund to help Plentovich.

Howard works for IBM and resides in Raleigh.

Ray Shisler '99 and Wendy Connolly on July 6, 2002. Ray was commissioned as an Army infantry second lieutenant, after completing Officer Candidate School in January. The couple resides in Columbus, Ga.

Norwood E. Bryan III '00M and **Candee L. Blanton** '00 on March 8, 2003. Norwood is president of Proofbook.com, and Candee is employed by Holland Consulting Planners Inc. The couple resides in Wilmington.

Maryanna Gross '00 and William Bostwick on June 29, 2002. Maryanna is a fifth grade teacher at Newport Elementary. The couple resides in Morehead City.

Nancy S. Edmonds '01 and Jeremy E. Martin on Oct. 4, 2002. The couple resides in Wilmington.

Bonnie Mangum '01 and Dustin Braudway on Oct. 19, 2002. The couple lives in Wilmington.

Kasey N. Hewett '03 and Matthew A. Abbott on Dec. 28, 2002. Kasey is employed by Captain Nance Seafood Restaurant in Calabash and is a student teacher at Union Primary School. The couple resides in Ocean Isle Beach.

Births

To **Karla Alston Brown** '89 and her husband Kevin, a daughter, Kennedy Alexis, on Jan. 29, 2003. The family resides in Minneapolis, Minn., where Karla is a recruiter for Deluxe Corporation.

To **Melanie Shatterly Smith** '91 and her husband Bryan, a son, Robert Ethan, on June 3, 2002. Melanie is employed with Clinton City Schools as an AG resource teacher at Sampson Middle School. The family resides in Clinton.

To **Denise Paliwoda Dillon** '92 and her husband Michael, a daughter, Caroline Asbury, on Aug. 27, 2002. The family resides in Bayonne, N.J.

To **Adrienne Boyle Althen** '93 and her husband Howard, a son, William Harrison, on Nov. 13, 2002.

To **David M. Brock** '93 and his wife Allison, a daughter, Ruth Ainsleigh, on Aug. 17, 2002.

To **Malinda Farmer Hall** '93 and her husband Jason, a daughter, Sydney Sheffield, on Sept. 13, 2001. Malinda is piloting a kindergarten AG Program for at-risk students with North Carolina Department of Public Instruction and Duke University. She also serves as a cooperating teacher for UNCW interns.

Laura Stanley Khorozov '95 and her husband Edward, a son, Lucas Charles, on Jan. 31, 2003. Laura is in the graduate speech pathology program at Florida Atlantic University.

Tina Garner McGraw '96, and her husband William, a daughter, Sydney Elizabeth, on May 30, 2002.

Deaths

Devereaux B. Overby '54 of Charlotte on Dec. 25, 2002.

James C. 'Mr. P' Piner of Wilmington on April 6, 2003.

Troy Henry '70 of Bolivia on Feb. 23, 2003. He donated a 108-acre tract in Brunswick County, now called Ev-Henwood, to UNCW for use as a coastal forest research and teaching station.

Yvonne C. Thompson '76 of Carolina Beach on Dec. 4, 2002.

David H. Grubbs '94 of Raleigh on April 23, 2003.

Gray K. Mauldin '01 of Concord on Feb. 5, 2003.

Jeremy M. Gillikin '02 of Morehead City on Oct. 12, 2002.

Erin O. Valentine '02 of Maryville, Tenn., on Dec. 31, 2002.

Friends

Franklin H. Allen of Wilmington died on March 14, 2003. He taught in the Biology Department at UNCW until his retirement in 1981. He was department chair from 1959 to 1969 and received the Board of Trustees Teaching Excellence Award in 1979. The Franklin H. Allen Scholarship was established at UNCW in his honor.

Dr. **John T. Dees** of Bald Head Island died on Feb. 7, 2003. He was a former member of the UNCW Board of Trustees.

Tabitha Hutaff McEachern on May 17, 2003. She was a long-time supporter of UNCW and the UNCW Alumni Association. With her support the university created scholarships and endowed a lifelong learning series. She also assisted in the retirement of the loan to support the restoration and renovation of Wise Alumni House.

Henry L. "Hank" Moore Jr. of Wilmington died on Feb. 25, 2003. An avid Seahawks fan, Hank was retired from the UNCW Athletics Department.

Dr. **Mary Boney Sheats** of Wilmington died on Oct. 29, 2002. She was a professor in the Religion Department at UNCW from 1983-86.

Eyl preparing for cross country fund-raising trek

By Heather White '03

This September, Christopher Eyl '93 will begin his 26-day, 2,876-mile bike ride across the U.S. to raise funds for CrossRoads: Sexual Assault Response & Resource Center of Alamance County.

"I have the opportunity to put my cycling lifestyle into good use by helping the community bring the issue at hand to the forefront," Eyl said. "Besides, I have always dreamed about crossing a continent by bicycle, and what better way to make a statement."

Since October 2002, Eyl has been training for the journey that will take him from Irvine, Calif., on Sept. 28 to Savannah, Ga. on Oct. 23. He keeps an online journal that details his strategy to ride an average of 115 miles per day. Eyl hopes that other cyclists will see what he is doing and join in.

Eyl, an avid mountain biker who has only been "road riding" for a year, realizes that his journey will not be an easy task.

Eyl

"It is going to be fun, but it is also going to require really hard work and determination. I will be riding over 100 miles a day and then meeting up with sexual assault centers in the destination cities. I will also be updating my ride journal including pictures, as well as answering e-mails during the ride," said Eyl.

Another motivation for Eyl is his 10-year-old daughter, Jasmyn.

"I have a daughter who is in an age group at high risk for sexual assault," said Eyl. "I feel it is my obligation to know and understand how to deal with the issue and to help make sure agencies like CrossRoads have enough funding to keep their doors open in order to help victims."

Eyl's goal is to raise $12,000 by asking people, organizations and businesses to make a contribution per mile or sponsor a day during the ride. "I am donating $500 and asking certain people in the community to match my gift," said Eyl.

A graphic designer at Elon University, Eyl has created a bike ride Web site (www.elon.edu/ceyl/rideforcac/index.html) to raise awareness and challenge communities to get involved. After the ride, Eyl plans to build a Web site for the local family/domestic abuse center.

Eyl believes the key to volunteering is finding something that gives you meaning, and sticking with it. He feels if you dive into volunteering and give it your all, you will get tenfold in return. He explains, "Volunteering is about helping others who need help, it's about community and it will give your life meaning."

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25	Summer Session I Ends
27-28	Alumni Board Orientation and Retreat
30	Summer Session II Begins
30	Last Day to Make a Gift to UNCW

July

4	Independence Day *UNCW Offices Closed*
14	Dr. Rosemary DePaolo begins tenure as UNCW Chancellor
17-18	UNCW Board of Trustees Meetings
27	Summer Session II Ends
29	Past Chairs' Council *Wise Alumni House*

August

2	Alumni Board of Directors Meeting *8:30 o.m. Wise Alumni House*
10	U.S. Marine Corps Band *Kenan Auditorium*
11	UNCW Summer Office Hours End
16	Freshman Move-In
20	Classes Begin
21	Faculty Meeting

September

1	Labor Day *UNCW Offices Closed*
12	North Carolina Symphony* *8 p.m. Kenan Auditorium*
26-28	Family Weekend
27	Wilmington Symphony Orchestra* *8 p.m. Kenan Auditarium*
TBA	Alumni Association Scholarship Recipient Dinner

October

3	UNCW Jazz Ensembles * *8 p.m. Kenan Auditorium*
3	Young Alumni Council
4-5	Riverfest
6	UNCW Concert Band* *8 p.m. Kenan Auditorium*
7	North Carolina Symphony* *8 p.m. Kenan Auditorium*
9-12	Fall Break
16-17	UNCW Board of Trustees Meetings
23	UNCW Brass Ensembles* *8 p.m. Kenon Auditarium*
26	North Carolina Symphony* *8 p.m. Kenan Auditorium*
29	Opera Verdi Europa: Rigoletto* *8 p.m. Kenon Auditorium*
28	Past Chair's Council *6 p.m. Wise Alumni House*
31	Glenn Miller Orchestra* *Kenon Auditorium*

November

1	Wilmington Symphony Orchestra* *8 p.m. Kenan Auditorium*
4	Election Day
8	Alumni Board of Directors Meeting
8	Step Show* *8 p.m. Kenan Auditorium*
13	UNCW Jazz Ensembles* *8 p.m. Kenon Auditorium*
24	UNCW Concert Band* *8 p.m. Kenon Auditorium*
27-30	Thanksgiving *UNCW Offices Closed*
29-30	The Nutcracker* *Kenon Auditorium*

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Chancellor Rosemary DePaolo and UNCW alumnus Bob King pose with the Seahawk VW Beetle being raffled by the alumni association to raise money for merit-based scholarships. Wise Alumni House serves as the backdrop. See story on page 6.

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Data collected to help set goals

In a benchmarking study begun shortly after she was named chancellor in March, Dr. Rosemary DePaolo is mining data and gathering broad input in the quest to take UNCW from good to great.

During fall meetings of the trustees, foundation, board of visitors and alumni, Chancellor DePaolo presented performance data about other institutions of higher education to which UNCW is either comparable or aspires.

"When I came here, I approached the complex organization that is UNCW by doing research," she said. "The university is at a critical juncture in our history. We have to define who we are and what we want to be."

Chancellor DePaolo will be using data from the study and forums with faculty, staff and students to discuss the direction UNCW should take under her leadership.

Initially, the study examined 114 variables at 33 universities. The study was then narrowed to seven universities (College of William and Mary, University of Richmond, James Madison University, Appalachian State University, College of Charleston, Murray State University and UNC Charlotte) to enable a better understanding of UNCW's strengths and weaknesses.

Topics include student demographics, comparisons of on- and off-campus housing rates, retention, tuition, as well as availability of merit scholarships and size of endowments. A surprising finding noted the competitive amount of research UNCW conducts in comparison with other nationally ranked universities known as "research institutions."

Another positive finding was the 89 percent graduation rate for UNCW's student athletes, a fact that was highlighted this fall by *USA Today* as the highest athletics graduation rate in NCAA Division I schools without football.

More disturbing was the four-year downward trend in giving among UNCW alumni, down from a high of 14.7 percent in 2000 to 11 percent for 2002.

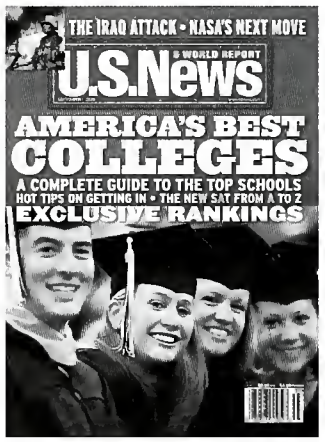
"This information will help us find out what we're great at as well as areas that clearly need attention," she told the foundation board. "From that, we will identify goals that we can all agree are university-wide priorities and then allocate resources to achieve those goals."

Moving alumni giving up to 16 percent by 2008 has already been identified as a critical university-wide goal and an action plan is underway.

Information about the chancellor's benchmark study may be viewed at www.uncw.edu/planning/benchmarks/.

UNCW is sixth in U.S.News *annual college rankings*

UNC Wilmington moved to sixth among public universities in the South in the 2004 *U.S.News & World Report* college rankings. UNCW is tied for 18th, among the 131 public and private comprehensive universities in the southern region.



"I am extremely pleased to see that the university has progressed in the *U.S.News* rankings. This news reinforces my belief that UNCW is an outstanding institution. It reflects the contribution of everyone on campus," said Chancellor Rosemary DePaolo. "This great news is the springboard we need as we work to establish UNCW as the preeminent public university in the South."

UNCW is in the "universities-master's" category which includes those institutions that provide a full range of undergraduate and master's level programs, but few, if any doctoral programs.

Among the public universities in the South, UNCW is ranked sixth behind James Madison University, Mary Washington College, The Citadel, Appalachian State University and College of Charleston.

Another prominent publication, *Kiplinger's*, ranked UNCW 35th among the top 100 best public colleges which combine great academics and affordable tuitions.

National Geographic features UNCW's underwater laboratory

The September issue of *National Geographic* featured UNCW's underwater laboratory, *Aquarius*, in a 13-page article.

Author Gregory S. Stone of the New England Aquarium described life in *Aquarius* during a six-day mission to surgically tag several different species of fish. This procedure will help scientists follow fish migration patterns to aid in preventing pollution, overfishing and destruction to their habitat. *National Geographic* photographer Brian Skerry illustrated the step-by-step process of how the surgeries were performed underwater.

Through Stone's personal accounts, the article gives insights into a typical mission aboard *Aquarius* including life in tight quarters and precautions which must be taken while living 85 feet underwater and while resurfacing. He was part of a team of six, including three scientists, a *National Geographic* photographer, a medical doctor and a technician.

Aquarius, located in the Florida Keys National Marine Sanctuary, is owned and funded by the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) and operated by UNCW.

The story can be read online at http://magma.nationalgeographic.com/ngm/0309/feature4/index.html.

Lakeside Hall was dedicated in honor of Chancellor Emeritus James R. Leutze on Nov. 7. Occupied in August 2001, Leutze Hall is the university's newest classroom building. Leutze retired as chancellor June 30, 2003, after a distinguished 13-year career at UNCW.

Administrative changes made

Max Allen joined Chancellor Rosemary DePaolo at UNCW in July as special assistant. He oversees the operations of the Chancellor's Office and university relations.

Allen had worked as DePaolo's executive assistant at Georgia College & State University and was director of university relations there.

Allen

He spent a total of nine years at GC&SU, serving two presidents and utilizing his public relations skills to develop many new initiatives, including a new statewide profile and image for GC&SU and its liberal arts mission. Prior to that he was a lieutenant commander in the United States Navy, retiring after 18 years as a public affairs officer where he was spokesman for the Navy's involvement in the Challenger space shuttle disaster.

Mark Lanier, assistant to Chancellor James R. Leutze, has remained as assistant and oversees state and federal governmental relations, board of trustees affairs and planning.

Paul Hosier, interim provost and vice chancellor for academic affairs, agreed to remain in his position for another year. Chancellor DePaolo asked Hosier to create a task force for international studies and to review the university's basic studies curriculum.

Tim Jordan, Vice Chancellor for Business Affairs, retired, effective Oct. 1. He served the university for 31 years with almost 40 years of total state service.

A 1969 business graduate of Wilmington College, Jordan was first employed at UNCW as an accountant trainee. He served in a variety of roles over the years with increasing responsibilities in accounting and finance, culminating with his appointment as vice chancellor July 2000.

Kay Ward, associate vice chancellor for finance, was appointed acting vice chancellor while the university undertakes a search for a permanent replacement.

Robert E. Tyndall has added senior management oversight of the Division for Public Service and Continuing Studies to his current responsibilities as associate provost and vice chancellor for the Information Technology Systems Division.

Tyndall assumed the duties Sept. 30 upon the retirement of James Edmundson, who had served as interim vice chancellor for public service since June. This was Edmundson's second retirement from UNCW, having served 25 years in the field of continuing education. Tyndall will retain his new duties until a new person arrives after a national search is conducted, likely by July 1, 2004.

Raymond Burt, associate dean of the College of Arts and Sciences and professor of German, assumed the position of assistant vice chancellor for academic affairs. He replaces Melton McLaurin, who retired June 30. Burt is responsible for academic policies and faculty development, as well as overseeing the Honors Scholars Program and addressing student issues for academic affairs.

Mark Cox stepped down as chair of the Department of Creative Writing to pursue a book project to be published by University of Pittsburgh Press. Philip Gerard was appointed interim chair for the fall semester, after which Philip Furia will fill out the remainder of Cox's term through Spring 2005.

This fall a total of 49 new tenure-track faculty were hired.

CONSTRUCTION update

"As earth movers, orange fences and construction crews become regular features of the UNCW campus, new and improved facilities are becoming realities for our students," said Ed Davis, associate vice chancellor for facilities.

Summer 2003 saw the completion of Cornerstone Hall, a state-of-the-art residence hall, refurbishment of more than six campus apartment buildings and life safety improvements for Galloway and Graham-Hewlett halls.

"We replaced old fire alarm systems in Galloway and Graham-Hewlett that were beginning to fail. These new addressable systems will result in reduced response times in the event of a fire emergency," said Steve Weitnauer, facilities planning and design director.

Another project completed in summer 2003 was a floor repair and renovation of Wagoner Dining Hall. The renovations, combined with a new restaurant-style dining concept, have dramatically increased Wagoner's popularity with students, faculty and staff. Transactions are up 28.6 percent over last year.

Friday Hall Annex and expansions of the Warehouse and Print Shop were also completed last spring and summer.

Projects currently underway include the primary electrical distribution system upgrade. This large-scale infrastructure project will allow the university to power its new and expanded buildings and is on track for completion in January 2004.

The Watson School of Education building is about 80 percent complete, according to Vince Mannella, construction services director.

Renovations began on Westside Hall in October. Heating and air, fire alarm and other infrastructure systems are being modernized; the floor plan renovated from the old cafeteria plan to a more efficient office plan and an addition are being constructed.

The end of this year also will see renovations beginning on Hoggard Hall and Kenan House.

And in early 2004, the university will break ground on a new sports medicine facility and a computer information systems classroom building.

UNCW Diversity Initiative Planning Committee in place

Acting on recommendations made by the Chancellor's Task Force on Diversity in April, Chancellor Rosemary DePaolo has appointed the UNCW Diversity Initiative Planning Committee.

As chairman, Denis Carter, associate vice chancellor of academic affairs, has been charged with creating a campus-wide, comprehensive plan, strategy and timetable. The committee has already developed a plan of action. One of its first acts was to develop a definition of diversity, which was approved by the UNCW Board of Trustees at their Oct. 17 meeting.

The goal of the committee is to create an inclusive campus considering the needs of students, faculty, administrators, staff, alumni and community. A report to the chancellor is expected to be finalized in April 2004.

Photo by Molly Rushing

Robert Wells, farmer chairman of the N.C. Utilities Commission and former mayor of High Point, joins Sylvia Angel at one of the thematic displays set up at the Holiday Inn Sunspree for the premiere screening of the UNCW educational documentary Troubled Waters: The Illusion of Abundance. *About 300 people attended the Oct. 5 event in anticipation of that week's statewide airing of the documentary on public television. An educators' resource Web site provides additional resources and activities for teachers and students at www.uncw.edu/troubledwaters.*

Hunt receives teaching excellence award

James B. Hunt, professor of management and marketing in the Cameron School of Business, received the UNCW Board of Trustees Teaching Excellence Award.

He was among 12 faculty members recognized for their teaching excellence and scholarship at the fall faculty meeting.

The UNCW Board of Trustees Teaching Excellence Award was given to Hunt in recognition of his significant contributions to higher education through dedication and service to students. This award includes a one-time $1,500 stipend and a Distinguished Teaching medallion.

Hunt was also one of three faculty members to receive the Distinguished Teaching Professorship. The others were Don Habibi, professor in the Philosophy and Religion Department, and Michael Messina, associate professor in the Chemistry Department. Distinguished professorships recognize faculty who make outstanding contributions to teaching at UNCW and come with a three-year $5,000 stipend and medallion.

Awards for faculty scholarship were presented to Philip Gerard, professor of creative writing; Craig Galbraith, professor of management and marketing; and Ned Martin, professor of chemistry. These awards, which include a $1,500 stipend, recognize significant contributions to the university and the academic community through commitment to scholarship, research and creativity.

Ann Pabst, professor of biological sciences, was given the Graduate Mentor Award, which recognizes faculty who excel at teaching at the graduate level and who have an established record of mentoring students who earned master's degrees. She received a $250 award and a certificate.

The Chancellor's Teaching Excellence Awards for 2003 were awarded to: Len Lecci, associate professor of psychology; Rebecca Lee, associate professor of creative writing; Mike Perko, associate professor of health and applied human sciences; Jack Gowan Jr., associate professor of information systems and operations management; and John Rice, associate professor of specialty studies. Each recipient receives a $750 award and medallion.

Graduation rate best nationally

UNC Wilmington ranked first in the country among non-football playing NCAA Division I schools for freshmen student-athlete graduation rates and tied for fourth overall among NCAA Division I institutions, according to a report published by *USA Today*.

The rankings were determined by federal graduation rate forms completed by each institution and identified freshmen who entered in the fall of 1995 and had six years to graduate. There are 327 NCAA Division I schools overall and 87 Division I-AAA or non-football playing schools.

UNCW, which sponsors 19 intercollegiate sports, graduated 89 percent of its 36 freshmen student-athletes who entered in 1995. The Seahawks finished ahead of Manhattan, Gonzaga, Birmingham Southern, Mercer, Creighton, Quinnipiac, Providence and St. Bonaventure. Among all NCAA Division I schools, UNCW was behind Bucknell, Davidson and Notre Dame.

"We take a great deal of pride in our work in the classroom and have established a tradition of academic achievement here at UNCW," said Peg Bradley-Doppes, UNCW's athletic director. "It shows that we have our priorities in order and our students epitomize the role of the student-athlete."

WARWICK CENTER

Photo by Marybeth Bianchi

The UNCW Seahawk was wrested from its roost outside the Warwick Center this summer, but was safely returned and once again watches over the growing campus. The bronze statue was broken off from its granite base the night of July 21 and turned up two days later at a Wilmington apartment complex. Jeaneal Guy, a WECT-TV 6 photographer, spotted the statue and informed campus police. Although a $250 reward was offered, the identity of the thieves is still unknown. The statue, valued at $70,000, was reinstalled in September by artist Dumay Gorham III, son of Wilmington College alumni Dumay '58 and Louise '58 Gorham. Gorham added reinforcements in each of the Seahawk's legs to prevent future theft. For her assistance in the Seahawk's return to campus, Guy was awarded season tickets to UNCW men's basketball and a Seahawk Club shirt.

The Got-Em-On Live Bait Club raised more than $13,000 at its annual tournament this fall for its endowment for a UNCW graduate fellowship in marine sciences. Pictured are Chip Collier, fellowship recipient; Robert Roer, dean of the UNCW Graduate School; Jason Lanier, biology major at UNCW; Fred Scharf, fisheries biologist and Tom Lankford from the Center for Marine Science. To date the club has raised a total of $46,500.

PPD supports new degree in nursing

With financial assistance from Wilmington-based PPD Inc., the UNCW School of Nursing is working to establish the UNC system's first Bachelor of Science in Clinical Research.

PPD is providing $300,000 to develop the program.

"Clinical research provides information that ultimately improves health care for all, through the development of new medications, devices and treatments," said Virginia Adams, dean of the School of Nursing. "We're excited that PPD, a leading global provider of discovery and development services to the pharmaceutical and biotechnology industries, is investing in the preparation and education of clinical researchers."

"We are pleased to work with the UNCW School of Nursing in developing this program and look forward to recruiting its top graduates to help us meet the growing global demand for our drug development services," said Fred Eshelman, chief executive officer of PPD.

Program planning is underway. Prior to enrolling students, the UNC Board of Governors must approve the establishment of the degree.

Seahawks prepare for fifth run to post-season berth

The storm has passed UNC Wilmington, but many observers believe another one could be brewing as the Colonial Athletic Association's most successful team over the last 10 years reloads for yet another run at the league title.

The Seahawks, who have rallied behind standout guard Brett "The Perfect Storm" Blizzard to four consecutive post-season berths, became the first conference team to win back-to-back titles in 12 years when Coach Brad Brownell's club dominated the circuit last season and swept through the CAA Tournament once again.

Experience and scoring top the wish list for Brownell, the CAA's Coach of the Year, who must replace the prolific Blizzard and tireless workhorse Craig Callahan.

The return of starters Anthony Terrell and John Goldsberry should soften the blow, however. Several other players, including six newcomers, will compete for starting roles and Brownell expects that daily competition to be healthy.

Terrell, the team's top returning scorer, begins his fourth season as a starter after averaging 7.3 points and 4.8 rebounds his junior year. The 6-7, 230-pounder out of Rowlett, Texas, reached double figures eight times in 2002-03, including a season-high 20 points with nine boards in UNCW's win over NCAA-bound East Tennessee State.

One of the biggest surprises one year ago was the emergence of Goldsberry, a freshman playmaker who developed into the CAA's steadiest floor general. The 6-2, 185-pound bulldog set a school record for assists by a freshman and topped the loop in assist/turnover ratio (2.89).

Other returnees who should see plenty of playing time include Aaron Coombs (6-11, 250, Jr.), Joel Justus (6-6, 207, Sr.), Andy Gunn (6-2, 192, Sr.), Mitch Laue (6-7, 230, So.) and Beckham Wyrick (6-6, 220, So.).

Two of the six newcomers in 2003-04 are transfers - Halston Lane and Taylor Lay. Lane, a 6-5, 210-pound guard, played two years at Georgia Tech and collected 6.1 points and 2.6 rebounds in 31 games for the Yellow Jackets two years ago. Lay, a 6-7, 225-pound forward, has three years of eligibility remaining after collecting 4.1 points and 2.4 rebounds in 2001-02 at Denver.

On paper, Brownell's first recruiting class ranks among the school's best in memory. It features freshmen T.J. Carter, Dejan Grkovic and Dave Noel, and junior college standout Ed Spencer.

Beckham Wyrick, sophomore forword from Cincinnati, is introduced to the crowd gathered in Trask Coliseum for Midnite Madness on Oct. 17.

2003-04 men's basketball schedule

Date	Opponent	Time
Dec. 1	at Campbell	7 p.m.
Dec. 4	at William & Mary	7 p.m.
Dec. 17	UNC ASHEVILLE	7 p.m.
Dec. 22	CHARLESTON	7 p.m.
*Dec. 28	UNC Chapel Hill (Myrtle Beach, S.C.)	1 p.m.
Jan. 1	JAMES MADISON	2 p.m.
*Jan. 3	at N.C. State	8 p.m.
Jan. 7	WILLIAM & MARY	7 p.m.
*Jan. 10	DREXEL	2 p.m.
Jan. 14	VA COMMONWEALTH	7 p.m.
Jan. 17	at Hofstra	4 p.m.
Jan. 19	at Towson	7 p.m.
*Jan. 21	GEORGE MASON	7 p.m.
*Jan. 24	DELAWARE (Homecoming)	4 p.m.
*Jan. 28	at Old Dominion	7 p.m.
Jan. 31	at Drexel	1 p.m.
*Feb. 4	OLD DOMINION	7 p.m.
*Feb. 7	at Virginia Commonwealth	5 p.m.
Feb. 11	TOWSON	7 p.m.
Feb. 14	at James Madison	7 p.m.
Feb. 16	at Delaware	7:30 p.m.
*Feb. 21	at ESPN Bracket Buster Series	TBA
*Feb. 25	at George Mason	7 p.m.
Feb. 28	HOFSTRA	4 p.m.
Mar. 5-8	at CAA Tournament (Richmond, Va.)	

*Games are televised. Home games in CAPS.

Seahawks' television coverage expanded for 2003-04

Five different television networks will carry selected UNCW men's basketball games in 2003-04.

Ten regular season contests are scheduled to be carried beginning with UNCW's first-ever matchup against UNC Chapel Hill on Dec. 28 in Myrtle Beach. Raycom/Jefferson Pilot will produce the game, with WWAY-TV 3 set to air the game locally.

The Seahawks will have their Jan. 3 game at N.C. State televised by Fox SportsSouth, locally on Time Warner Cable's Fox SportsNet designate, Channel 47.

Comcast SportsNet, the Colonial Athletic Association's television partner, plans to air three home games this season. The regional network begins its coverage with a rematch of last year's CAA championship game between the Seahawks and Drexel Jan. 10.

The Seahawk TV Network begins its third year of existence with a four-game schedule. UNCW's home and away games with George Mason and Old Dominion are on the docket. Longtime announcer Sam Gore will provide the play-by-play, with color commentary by former Seahawk basketball standout Victor Ebong and ODU broadcaster John Castleberry.

ESPN2 will televise UNCW's Feb. 7 contest against Virginia Commonwealth in Richmond.

The Seahawks will learn Feb. 1 if their clash in the ESPN Bracket Buster Series will be televised.

Bob King '66 donates VW Beetle to motivate alumni to give

Driving Home a Point

By Dana Fischetti

Photo by Brownie Harris

It's an attention-getter. A sunflower yellow 2003 Volkswagen Beetle with UNCW decals, it literally has Seahawk pride written all over it.

And getting the attention of UNCW alumni is the whole idea behind raffling off this fun car. Robert S. King '66, a Wilmington automotive dealer and one of the founders of the UNCW Alumni Association, donated the "bug" to raise awareness of two high-priority initiatives for the university: increasing alumni giving participation and raising funds for merit-based scholarships.

Chancellor Rosemary DePaolo has chosen increasing alumni giving participation as a university-wide priority, noting that alumni participation rates have declined over the past several years. Alumni giving is considered a strong indicator of a university's success, and not only affects UNCW's overall fundraising but is also a factor in determining key higher education rankings in publications such as *U.S.News & World Report*. Many prospective students and their families use these rankings to determine which universities they will apply to and, ultimately, which one they will attend.

"This issue is critical to the future success of UNCW," DePaolo said. "Alumni participation creates a positive cycle that builds upon itself. The more alumni you have that give to the university, the more involved and active they become, and they will encourage others to give and become involved, particularly young alumni.

"In fiscal year 2002, alumni giving at UNCW went down to 11 percent after steadily declining by about 2 percent a year for the past several years. Our goal is to bring that percentage up to 16 percent over the next five years. With the help of alumni like Bob King, who is bringing attention to this important issue, we will be able to meet that goal."

Likewise, DePaolo said, merit-based scholarships are critical to helping UNCW attract increasing numbers of high-achieving high school students who expect to be offered scholarships based on their academic performance. Currently, many of these students, and particularly high-achieving minority students, choose to attend other universities because UNCW is unable to offer them competitive merit-based scholarship packages.

While DePaolo and King acknowledge that many UNCW graduates already give generously to their alma mater, even greater participation is needed. King believes that UNCW alumni will rise to the challenges of increasing alumni participation and raising funds for merit-based scholarships when they are made aware of the need.

"There is a tremendous amount of pride in this university among students and alumni," he said. "I see the same pride in them today that I saw in Carolina and NC State students in the past. They want to do whatever they can to help that pride continue. It's important that we strengthen and build upon the ties that our alumni have to UNCW and encourage them to support its current and future success."

When King and fellow alumni Al Corbett '65 and Terry Horton '66 worked together to form the UNCW Alumni Association in the early 1970s, fund-raising was localized and much simpler. With $1,000 in seed money from then-Chancellor William Wagoner, the group started a fund-raising effort that continued for the next eight years. Pig pickin's, casino nights and other parties held in the service bay area at King's dealership on New Centre Drive drew upwards of 500 people at each event.

"We had a lot of fun and made a lot of money," King says fondly of those days. "But times have changed. Now we have so many more alumni, and particularly young

"It's human nature to want to belong and be a part of something, especially an institution that is as successful as UNCW."

– Bob King

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alumni who are mobile and living around the state and across the country. We have to find new ways of getting people involved."

So what can alumni do to get involved and provide support for UNCW? King encourages everyone to become an active member of the Alumni Association, which requires a contribution of $25 or more to UNCW each fiscal year (between July 1 and June 30). Not everyone has the capacity to give back at the level King has, but everyone can give and every gift makes a difference. King notes that if each of UNCW's 38,000 alumni gave at least $25, that would bring in $950,000 each year to the university to support its programs and help make up for state funding that has steadily decreased over the past decade.

Pat Corcoran Smith '72, executive director of alumni relations, is grateful to King for his continued commitment to UNCW and says alumni choose to support the university in their own unique ways and for their own special reasons.

"Bob King has wanted to stay personally involved with the alumni association and help it continue to grow because he was instrumental in getting it started more than 30 years ago. But everyone has their own reasons for keeping their connection with the university - old friends, favorite professors, fraternity or sorority associations, Homecoming activities and other special events, involvement in tutoring or mentoring with current students, or just fond memories of their college experience.

"And there are many ways for people to get involved. In addition to providing financial support, many alumni assist UNCW by serving as volunteer members of the alumni association board, other university boards or an alumni chapter board; helping to organize or attending university events and activities; or simply communicating their needs and ideas to our staff so that we can continue to improve," Smith said.

King's goal in providing the yellow Beetle for the raffle is to help build pride through increasing active participation in the alumni association, and encourage alumni to give back to the university that helped them launch their careers and their adult lives.

"To me, it's a natural tendency to want to support the university you attended," King said. "Everywhere you go, people ask what school you graduated from - it's important to people. It's human nature to want to belong and be a part of something, especially an institution that is as successful as UNCW."

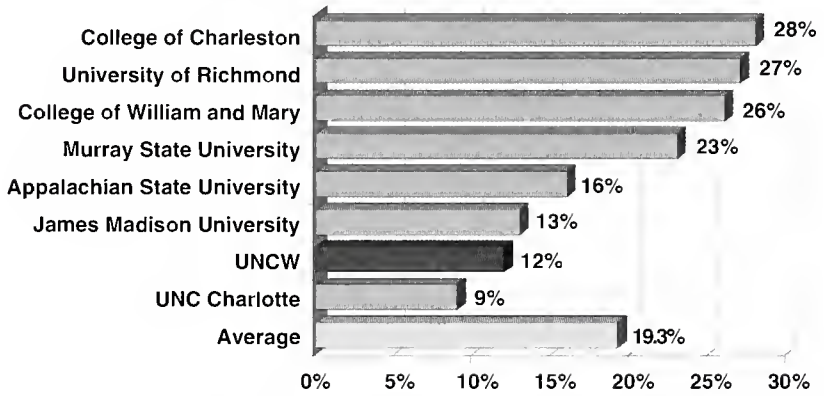
Dana Fischetti is director of operations in the UNCW Division of University Advancement.

Bob King chats with Chancellor Rosemary DePaolo and her husband, Fred Wharton, at a UNCW Board of Trustees reception held in his honor at Wise Alumni House in October.

Alumni Giving Rate

Donors as a percentage of solicitable alumni Averaged for the 2001 and 2002 academic years

(Data from *U.S.News & World Report's* "Americas Best Colleges" 2004)



Chancellor Rosemary DePaolo has identified increasing the number of alumni who contribute to UNCW as a university-wide priority because alumni participation in giving has declined steodily in recent yeors. This chart shows how UNCW's alumni participation compares with that of several schools being looked at by UNCW as part of a benchmarking study. Chancellor DePaolo has set a goal for UNCW to increase its alumni porticipation to 16 percent over the next five years.

UNCW Alumni Association Seahawk Beetle raffle: Proceeds benefit merit scholarships

To raise funds for merit-based scholarships, the UNCW Alumni Association is raffling off a sunflower yellow 2003 Volkswagen "Seahawk" Beetle, courtesy of alumnus Bob King.

The winner of the Beetle, which is valued at $19,500, will be drawn and announced at the Homecoming 2004 men's basketball game, UNCW vs. Delaware, on Jan. 24 at Trask Coliseum. It is not necessary to be present to win.

Tickets are $25 each and can be purchased up until game time from alumni association staff members by cash, check or credit card. If you have questions or would like to purchase tickets, please contact Kristin Asher in the Alumni Relations Office by e-mail at asherk@uncw.edu or by phone at 910.962.2682 or toll-free 800.596.2880.

The IRS does not count the purchase of raffle tickets as a charitable contribution for tax deduction purposes but proceeds will be used to establish new alumni association merit-based scholarships for UNCW students.

Learning Communities

create a richer learning-centered environment for students and faculty

By Sean Ahlum '96, '00M

Members of the Learning Communities Steering Committee are (front, left to right) Brad Reid, director of housing and residence life; Kemille Moore, director of the General College; Denise DiPuccio, department chair, foreign language and literatures; (back, left to right) Kathleen Berkeley, department chair, history; Joe Wilson, department chair, philosophy and religion; Tricia Kelley, department chair, earth sciences; Chris Gould, department chair, English; Steve Pullum, associate dean, College of Arts and Sciences.

"I like discussing some of the topics we talk about in class on a more personal level with those on my hall."
– Mary Beth Suber

There is a wave of change driven by rapid growth on the campus of UNCW.

The evidence is everywhere. There are major infrastructure improvements, new buildings and facilities, and, most importantly, more people. Enrollment figures for the current year have grown past the 10,000-student mark.

With all this growth, it seems that the small school, small class atmosphere that has made UNCW so attractive to students in the past is slowly disappearing.

According to Chancellor Rosemary DePaolo's Benchmarking Initiative Report, UNCW ranks last among peer institutions in the category that measures the percentage of fall 2002 undergraduate classes with fewer than 20 students (25 percent). The university is keenly aware that it needs to work diligently to retain that "small school" atmosphere, and nothing has been more representative of the university's commitment to provide quality and personalized education than the new learning communities (LC) program.

Learning communities at UNCW started in 2001 as an abstract notion in the minds of several department chairs in the College of Arts and Sciences. There was a strong desire to increase interdisciplinary study and re-energize the humanities at the growing school that historically had a strong emphasis on the life sciences.

photo by Sean Ahlum

Katheline Tron, a member of the Passion, Reason and Truth learning community, enjoyed lunch with Isaac Bear Society member, Tommy R. Lupton Sr. The Isaac Bear Society toured Cornerstone Hall and the Learning Communities on Oct. 21.

A number of faculty members who were involved in advising and teaching freshman seminars had been exploring ways to improve the first-year students' learning experiences. At the same time, department chairs in history, English, philosophy and religion, foreign languages and literatures and art and theatre were investigating ways to move the study of humanities into a more central role of early college coursework where it could provide a unifying theme and a vehicle for forming meaningful linkages across curriculum.

In the fall of 2001, it was decided that a learning communities program had the potential to accomplish these goals. A steering committee was formed, comprised of department chairs and a representative from both the College of Arts and Sciences Office and the Division of Student Affairs.

This group attended the National Learning Communities Summer Institute at Evergreen State College in June 2002. The summer institute work resulted in a concrete plan to launch a pilot learning communities program in fall 2003 in hope of attaining the common goals of the diverse group.

According to Kemille Moore, director of the General College and Learning Communities Steering Committee chair, there is strong interest in using learning communities, centered around the humanities, as a way for UNCW to promote more active learning.

"By moving humanities to a central position in the learning experience, we seek to encourage students to see the linkages between the humanities, the arts, the sciences and the social sciences. Putting the humanities at the center of our learning community project will also provide the appropriate academic context for learning critical thinking skills, written and oral communication skills and the value of creative intellectual discourse," said Moore.

Finally, efforts were undertaken within the Provost's Office to form a stronger collaboration between academic affairs and student affairs, especially in first-year endeavors. Fortunately for the learning community initiative, student affairs and housing and residence life had planned to open a 265-bed traditional residence hall in fall 2003 to complete the Honors and International House complex and meet the growing demand for on-campus housing for first-year students. "We were fortunate to have decided that our new residence hall would be the home of our learning commu-

photo by Adam Matthew

Brad Reid, director of housing and residence life, and Claudia Stack, learning communities co-director, serve ice cream prior to the first Battle of the Learning Communities Field Day. Reid and Stack, both integrative seminar instructors, participated in the social program that allowed faculty, staff and students to compete in field events.

nities prior to our architect completing working drawings on our facility," states Brad Reid, director of housing and residence life and Learning Community Steering Committee member. "This allowed us to develop a building that would fully support our new learning imperative."

Learning communities at UNCW cluster classes during the fall semester of a student's first year. Each LC has two three-credit basic studies courses, such as psychology, political science, public speaking or English literature. Linking these two basic studies courses is a two-credit integrative seminar, which also serves as a freshman seminar and is taught by full-time advisors, library faculty or student affairs professionals. A cohort group of 25 students take all three classes together. By intentionally clustering courses, both teachers and students experience a more coherent and enriched learning environment.

The environment is perhaps the most representational link between academic affairs and student affairs. Because Cornerstone Hall boasts four classrooms equipped with the latest smart-class technology, the students' classes occur in the same building in which they live and still retain all of the resources available in any other university classroom setting. This setting creates a richer, learning-centered environment, which allows for greater student/faculty, student/student and faculty/faculty interaction. "The main ingredients of our learning communities that impress me the most," Reid commented, "are student collaboration, faculty collaboration, high levels of interaction, faculty knowing the names of their students, active learning, critical thinking and experiences that bring course content to life."

Mary Beth Suber, a participant in the learning community In Search of Myself: Stories of Culture, said, "I love the learning communities and living in Cornerstone Hall. I don't mind seeing everybody all the time because it gives me reassurance that if I have a quick question or want to study in a group, there are always people available to help. I like discussing some of the topics we talk about in class on a more personal level with those on my hall."

According to Moore, UNCW's administration has been extremely enthusiastic and supportive of the program. Former Provost John Cavanaugh, interim Provost Paul Hosier, Jo Ann Seiple, dean of the College of Arts and Sciences, and Pat Leonard, vice chancellor for student affairs, thought "this could be a terrific move for UNCW" and have lent their full support.

"As UNCW grows in size, one of the tremendous challenges faced is the ability to retain the best of who we are while enlarging our academic outreach. The faculty, staff and administration are committed to a focus on our students and the attainment of an exceptional education for each student. Learning communities provide an opportunity for students to feel connected to other students on a growing campus through an approach to education that ensures quality," said Hosier.

This fall, there are nine learning communities at UNCW, comprised of 200 first-year students, all living in Cornerstone Hall.

"We wanted to create a program that would help UNCW keep the feel of a modest-sized school with small classes and faculty-student interaction," said Moore. "We sought to be very interdisciplinary and particularly to show links among the humanities and between the humanities and other disciplines. However, the steering committee

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photo by William McCarthy

Richard Lawrence of the Fort Fisher Underwoter Archeology Lab speaks to the Lure of the Sea learning community.

Cornerstone Hall welcomes students

By Lauren Dzubak

UNCW's Office of Housing and Residence Life is excited to welcome students to Cornerstone Hall, the newest addition to UNCW's family of residence halls.

Cornerstone, a 62,500-square-foot building that houses 263 new and returning students, is situated between Honors and International Houses, squaring off the quad and completing the residence area that some have dubbed "tri-house."

Cornerstone is three stories tall and houses students in five "pods," each containing 49 students. UNCW broke ground on Cornerstone in July 2002, and the $11.6 million construction project was underway. Over the course of a year students watched the building go from foundation to the impressive structure that it is.

Those living in Honors and International houses can attest that building crews worked round the clock to get the residence hall finished on time. And when Cornerstone Hall opened on Aug. 16, 2003, it was met with much excitement from students and parents.

In addition to student rooms and the other amenities one expects in a residence hall, like fully equipped kitchens and laundry facilities, Cornerstone Hall also features a computer lab, three state-of-the-art classrooms and a seminar room dedicated to learning community courses.

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Classroom study was brought to life when students in the Lure of the Seo learning community traveled to the Outer Banks in November. One stop was at the now abandoned Portsmouth Village where they visited o cemetery with graves dating back to the mid-1800s.

was determined – and still is – to create a program that would work at UNCW. We did not – and do not – want to transplant something from somewhere else just because it worked for someone else. In other words, we wanted to create a program unique and vital to UNCW - not move a program from Appalachian State or Central Arkansas to Wilmington."

National research has shown that learning communities provide benefits for the student, the faculty and the institution. Students have a higher retention rate, are more likely to achieve academic success, are motivated to participate in student involvement activities, are more likely to obtain a degree in less time and leave the program with a greater sense of intellectual development. Faculty tend to develop in terms of expanded repertoire of teaching approaches, revised course content and new scholarly interests.

Learning communities, through the general education offerings and after-class programming in the residence halls, foster an environment that allows for faculty mentoring and increased faculty engagement with beginning students. And, learning communities offer the university an opportunity for research and development for curriculum development and a strengthening of teaching and learning.

Claudia Stack, assistant director of learning communities and an integrative seminar instructor, reinforced these principles. "Helping to set up the LC program has been a real professional challenge, but also very exciting and rewarding. Apart from the benefits to the students, one of the best things for me has been meeting and working with people from all across campus. I have a better understanding of the effort that goes into creating the undergraduate experiences at UNCW. The commitment of everyone involved has been phenomenal. The students seem to have a real sense of pride in the fact that they are participating in the pilot year, that they are helping to define a new program at UNCW."

Students also have felt an impact on their educational experience, which has included a nighttime viewing of Mars, trips to Ocracoke Island to study the history of North Carolina pirates and lore, an in-class presentation by author Kurt Meyer and photographer Jon Morrison on their documentary of Hammond Garland and various movie nights that reinforce class-time subject matter.

"The learning community experience has been a great one for me," said Charlotte Lueth, a participant in Talking Heads: Politics & Public Speaking. "I have loved the small, intimate atmosphere that goes along with the idea of learning communities. The program has given me a chance to make closer friends with people who have the same interests and desire for knowledge that I have. UNCW would feel very different to me had it not been for the learning community program. I feel like the professors are really motivated and excited to be teaching their material, and this enthusiasm is contagious. The environment is friendly, intelligent and honestly, really fun."

UNCW plans to keep 2004-05 learning communities program similar to the pilot program. It will remain residential and focus on using linked courses centered on a specific theme. There is a chance the university will offer an adaptation of a learning community model in some freshman seminar courses in fall 2004, where a specific section is linked to a specific section of a basic studies course.

The Learning Communities Steering Committee is in the process of finalizing the plans for fall 2004. "Some folks are having a blast and others are facing challenges," Moore said. "So it goes with any new program. I think things are going extremely well for a pilot program; students are making curricular connections and faculty are learning new ways to teach, in a new setting.

"During its first year, learning communities have far exceeded our expectations," Hosier said. "Students in the communities more quickly adapt to a campus connection and new friends while receiving an enriched and sustained educational opportunity. It has been through the dedication of all – faculty, staff and students – that this vision has become a reality for UNCW."

For more information about learning communities at UNCW visit www.uncw.edu/stuaff/housing/WebPages/Learning Communities.htm and www.uncwil.edu/gc/LearningCommunity/index.htm.

Fall 2003 Learning Communities

- **In Search of Myself: Stories of Culture** - Patricia Lerch, anthropology, and Barbara Waxman, English
- **Behavior, Bodies and Crime** - Midori Albert, anthropology, and Lynne Snowden, sociology and criminal justice
- **Talking Heads: Politics and Public Speaking** - Lloyd Rohler, communication studies, and Stephen Meinhold, political science
- **Passion, Reason and Truth: Thinking and Speaking about Nature, Morality and God** - Richard Olsen, communication studies, and W. Thomas Schmid, philosophy and religion
- **The Lure of the Sea** - William Atwill, English, and William McCarthy, history
- **Age of Cultural Revolutions** - Katherine Montwieler, English, and Lynn Mollenauer, history
- **Science, Technology and Western Civilization** - Paul Townend, history, and Frederick Bingham, physics and physical oceanography
- **Thinking and Believing: The Mind and the Sacred** - Caroline Clements, psychology, and Herbert Berg, philosophy and religion
- **Image and Word** - Kemille Moore, art and theatre, and Kathy Rugoff, English

Each learning community is made up of three courses - two basic studies classes and an intergrative seminar. Basic studies courses are selected liberal arts classes all students must complete to graduate. The integrative seminar meets once a week to help students understand materials presented in the classes. Benefits include small classes, field trips, social events and introduction to college-level study skills.

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Sean Ahlum is a writer and photographer who graduated from UNCW in 1996 with a B.A. in English, with a professional writing emphasis, and in 2000 with an M.F.A. in professional creative writing. He is the marketing and computing consultant for housing and residence life. Sean is an integrative seminar instructor for the Image and Word learning community.

Cameron School of Business celebrates 25th Anniversary

By Kathy Erickson

This year marks the 25th anniversary of the Cameron School of Business. Throughout the year, the school will host various functions and receptions for alumni, donors and friends. The celebration will coincide with Business Week 2004 March 23-27. A major speaking event is being planned for March 23, and a day of events and an evening social focusing on all UNCW business alumni will take place March 27.

While the Cameron School of Business was founded in 1979, students have graduated with business degrees from UNCW for the past 39 years.

Business began as a single department housed in Bear Hall. As enrollments and the department grew, the School of Business Administration was designated as one of two professional schools at UNCW.

In 1983, the Cameron School of Business Administration was named for the families of Dan and Bruce Cameron in recognition of their interest in and support of education and other philanthropic projects. Today, the school has 60 full-time faculty, four full-time Executives in Residence and a very active Cameron Executive Network.

The faculty are continuously recognized: 10 have won the Chancellor's Teaching Award, five have won the university's Distinguished Professorship Award, three have won the Board of Trustees Teaching Excellence Award and two have won the UNCW Faculty Research Award.

The Executives in Residence at Cameron help the school bridge the gap between theory and practice. They teach as well as provide leadership and council.

The Cameron Executive Network (CEN), founded in 2002, is a network of active and retired executives committed to enhancing the education and career development of students and alumni. The Wilmington area and surrounding region has become one of the premier retirement areas for Fortune 500 senior executives. The CEN draws from this rich talent pool, and its primary focus is to mentor students. There are 58 CEN members and 100 students participating in the program this year.

Beyond the Executives in Residence and CEN, over 75 business executives serve on Cameron School advisory boards and provide over 60 presentations each year during Business Week and in the Executive Speakers Series. Stan Parker, senior vice president of marketing for Krispy Kreme, was the most recent executive speaker and was sponsored by the M.B.A. Association. Jack Roush, Rick Wagoner and Stedman Graham have also been executive speakers.

One of the largest milestones in Cameron's 25-year history occurred in 1992 when the school obtained accreditation through the Association to Advance Collegiate Schools of Business (AACSB). This achievement put the Cameron School of Business in the top third of U.S. business schools. AACSB accreditation represents the highest standard of achievement for business schools worldwide. Cameron continues to maintain its accreditation through a high-quality faculty, excellence in teaching and programs that successfully prepare business leaders.

Cameron offers a B.S. in business administration with eight concentrations and a B.A. in economics. Graduate programs include a professional Master of Business Administration degree and a Master of Science in Accountancy degree. An interdisciplinary Master of Science in Computer Science and Information Systems is being developed in cooperation with the College of Arts and Science.

Photo by Brownie Harris

Chancellor Rosemary DePaolo is flanked by the founding fathers of UNCW's Cameron School of Business, Dan and Bruce Cameron.

This is a very exciting time for the Cameron School of Business. Over the past three years, the number of undergraduates from Cameron increased from 444 to 522. In the graduate programs, the M.S.A. has consistently exceeded expectations. It is gaining national recognition and graduates obtain excellent career placements. Since the M.S.A. program began in 1996, the number of M.S.A. graduates per year has increased from 34 to 57. The program continually receives the highest possible ratings for teaching excellence and meeting student needs.

With the element of change, the school is continually reviewing its programs in an effort to satisfy the needs of its constituents. Most recently, the M.B.A. program has undergone extensive review and subsequent revision. The M.B.A. foundation of learning integration, team-teaching and cohort experience are further strengthened with the program revisions.

The school is partnering with the Small Business and Technology Development Center to identify organizations that will work with M.B.A. teams. The goal of this alliance is to foster learning for both partners via the exchange of ideas, business process audits and the completion of integrative projects for the organizational partner. These partnerships will further fulfill the school's mission to serve the community.

Technology continues to be a driving force in business, and the school is looking to meet these needs. In fall 2005, while retaining Cameron Hall, the programs will expand into the new Computer Information Systems Building which will feature a Financial Services Room, 10 student team rooms, a technology resource display area and the latest in information technology. The building will also house the new Master of Science in Computer Science and Information Technology.

Ston Porker, senior vice president of marketing for Krispy Kreme, wos a recent Executive Series speaker for the Comeron School of Business.

Business operates on a global landscape and educational efforts must as well. Cameron School of Business offers opportunities for undergraduates to study at over 40 non-U.S. schools located in 20 countries around the world. In addition to these opportunities, there is the TransAtlantic Business School Alliance, a competitive program with limited enrollment. After completing two intensive years at the Cameron School of Business, students study abroad at a host of partner institutions, presently either in France or Germany, for two years. Each student completes a substantive internship in both countries and earns degrees from both institutions. Participants develop fluency in French, German or Spanish.

The greatest evidence of the value of a UNCW business degree is in the success of alumni. The founding business alumni, those business majors who graduated prior to the establishment of Cameron School of Business, and the Cameron business alumni have become successful entrepreneurs, business leaders, professionals and managers. Alumni are building business organizations, raising families and serving community and social organizations.

The Cameron Alumni Chapter is taking the lead in planning the 25th anniversary celebration. In addition, the chapter has become very active in assisting the faculty in the planning for Business Week and in helping to raise support for the school. The chapter has committed to provide $20,000 per year over five years in support of the Cameron Facultyship (summer grant) Program to help attract, support and retain outstanding faculty. There is a goal to raise an additional $25,000 for facultyships this academic year in celebration of the 25th anniversary.

Twenty-five years is a time for reflection, as well as a time for setting goals for the future. The school will continue to prepare leaders for the future and its faculty will continue to be committed to excellence. Cameron School of Business will continue to be recognized as a premier business school.

Alumni and friends are encouraged to attend 25th anniversary celebration events, especially those on March 27. More information will be forthcoming on the Cameron Web site www.csb.uncw.edu and newsletter.

Kathy Erickson is the graduate programs administrator at Cameron School of Business. She is part of the team planning the 25th Anniversary Celebration and is also focusing efforts on marketing the programs offered by CSB.

Tracking a Different Course

By Monica McGee

UNCW graduate creates small "hurricane empire"

On Thursday afternoon Oct. 3, 2002, Hurricane Lili's winds were reaching 145 miles per hour. Lili was a Category Four storm, heading west across the Gulf of Mexico, and on course to hit the Louisiana coast the next day.

Mark Sudduth pursued an interest that he loved and along the way created a career that gives him great satisfaction.

Emergency personnel feared the damaging winds, but they were equally concerned as the powerful storm pushed the Gulf's water right toward shore. Forecasters were predicting a 25-foot storm surge. Coastal residents in Texas and Louisiana were encouraged to evacuate.

In Morgan City, La., only a handful of people stayed behind; most were holed up in a small hotel downtown. Among them was Mark Sudduth '95, founder of the Hurricane Intercept Research Team (HIRT), along with team member John Van Pelt, a CNN news crew with whom the team was working and a few of hotel employees.

Everyone kept busy.

But with each National Hurricane Center advisory bulletin, Sudduth heard from concerned friends and colleagues. He remembers a call from a friend who was working on evacuation plans in Texas who told him, "You gotta get out of there."

Sudduth

Sudduth recalls that his friend painted a graphic picture of what they would likely experience: "You're going to have at least 10 feet of water in the city. ... The wind will tear the building up, and then it will collapse. You'll be in the water. ... Even if you survive the hurricane, you're not getting out of there for two weeks. ... Everything will be destroyed. Trees will be down. You're going to have

ants, alligators, snakes, possums ... like you have never seen before."

Sudduth decided to wait for the 5 a.m. advisory. If the storm was still a Category Four, they would leave. If it dropped below a four, they would stay. The only thing they could do was try to sleep.

By 11 p.m. the storm began to weaken. Sudduth was confident that it would downgrade to a Category Three or less. But lying in bed that night he could think only of the 25-foot storm surge.

At 5 a.m. the power was out but the storm had done as Sudduth predicted. It was still dangerous but not enough to warrant a retreat inland. Sudduth and the others would stay and provide key firsthand documentation and valuable data about Hurricane Lili that would aid officials and the public alike.

Mark Sudduth developed his interest in hurricanes as a young boy growing up in New Bern.

He has clear memories of watching his father prepare for Hurricane David in 1979, filling garbage cans with fresh water and marking the hurricane's progress on a small tracking map. At age 12 he remembers his eighth-grade science teacher setting up a radio in the classroom to listen to updates of Hurricane Diana. In both incidences, his hometown was spared the storms' full impact.

In fact, these were the first of many of Sudduth's near encounters with a hurricane. His first true hurricane experience was still years away. But looking back at those early experiences he realized that the "more they teased me the more I started learning about them."

Sudduth, who graduated from UNCW in 1995 with a degree in geography, ultimately turned his early interest in hurricanes and meteorology into a career as a hurricane entrepreneur.

He founded three hurricane-related businesses.

In 1995 he started the Leland-based Hurricane Maps Enterprises. The company develops and produces maps and graphics that help increase public awareness about hurricane preparation and safety. In 1999, he founded HurricaneTrack.com, which allows users to track a hurricane's progress through Web cam images and regular written updates. Around the same time, he also founded the nonprofit group HIRT. This team visually documents and gathers important meteorological data at or close to landfall sites of U.S. hurricanes.

Although Sudduth built what he sometimes refers to lightheartedly as his "hurricane empire," he actually started at UNCW as a music major. After a year, however, he changed to geography. The program was a perfect fit. He took every opportunity to incorporate his interest in hurricanes into his class work.

Sudduth's Hurricane Intercept Research Team vehicle ventured to the eye of Hurricane Isabel when it passed over the Outer Banks in September.

Upon completion of his degree, he landed an internship at a local company with the assistance of earth science professor Elizabeth Hines and the university's career services office. This first professional opportunity ultimately would lead Sudduth to his future hurricane career.

While completing his internship at Wilmington Industrial Development, a nonprofit company that helps businesses relocate to the area, Sudduth developed an idea for creating a large-scale hurricane-tracking map for use by the general public. His idea was to sell ad spaces around the front and on the back of the map and to have a local radio or television station act as a sponsor and distributor.

Using all the mapping skills he learned in his classes at UNCW and even using some of the university's resources, Sudduth hand-drew a large, very detailed, high-quality map. After securing an agreement with Wilmington radio station WAAV, Sudduth was able to sell ad space to a number of important regional companies, many of which used the space to provide important hurricane safety and preparation information.

His first map was ready for distribution in July 1996, two days before Hurricane Bertha impacted the Wilmington area.

"It was incredible. How could that be? I finally get my hurricane and it happens that very same week that my first product came out. It was a huge hit. The maps were gone," he said.

By 1998 creating hurricane maps was his full-time occupation, and in subsequent years he created full color tracking maps of several municipalities in North and South Carolina. This work increased his involvement with regional and national emergency planners, including the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers who helped fund Sudduth's creation of the a new storm surge map for New Hanover County in 1998.

He has since created storm surge maps for other North Carolina counties and for communities in Long Island, N.Y.

With the growth of his mapping business, the creation of HurricaneTrack.com and the formation of HIRT, Sudduth became more and more involved in the national hurricane community, both as a researcher and as an on-site reporter during storm events. His career is still in its early stages; he is only 33 years old, but he is now a part of the hurricane community he had long admired.

In 1999 he teamed up with CNN weather reporter, John Flock, someone he had watched and admired for years, to cover Hurricane Dennis, and he regularly confers with Max Mayfield, director of the National Hurricane Center.

In February 2001 he became the hurricane preparedness consultant for Lowe's Home Improvement Store. He travels throughout the country to Lowe's-sponsored events, showing videos that he and his team have taken during hurricanes and providing important hurricane preparation guidelines.

Looking back to those first years after graduating from UNCW, when all he had were good ideas, to the present, he concludes that "it all came together just the way I wanted it to."

Mark Sudduth pursued an interest that he loved and along the way created a career that gives him great satisfaction.

Reflecting on his work with HIRT, he said it is "most satisfying to execute a mission successfully and have hundreds and thousands of people following ... what the team is doing, through the Web site and in the media. ... We are helping them keep up with the storm in a way that nobody else in the world can do. That is very fulfilling."

Monica McGee is a freelance writer living in Wilmington.

Class of 2007 students pose for a picture at a UNCW Parent Development Council gathering in Winston-Salem this summer, hosted by Martha and Ernest Lagemann, members of the Parent Development Council. Chancellor DePaolo enjoyed meeting parents, students and alumni from the Winston-Salem area on the terrace at the Zevely House. Vice Chancellor Pat Leonard unveiled renderings of the University Union expansion project and Westside Hall renovation. Good feelings abounded as this group socialized and discussed the exciting future and growth of UNCW.

Next stop in the flurry of getting out to meet everyone, the chancellar stopped at Durham to attend a gathering hosted by Ernest "Sunny" Wooden III and his wife, Judy, both active members of the UNCW Parent Development Council. The Parent Development Council was formed three years ago in an effort to make a difference in the lives of students on campus - outside of the traditional academic setting - through programming and events that will enrich their lives and broaden their experience. The primary focus of this group continues to be an emphasis on "creating experiences for life" for the students at UNCW by nurturing the development of student traditions and sense of community at UNCW.

Faculty, staff gifts have impact

By Marilyn Jamesson

Grace M. Burton exemplifies the power of giving.

The former professor and department chair of curricular studies in the Watson School of Education, recipient of the 1991 UNCW Board of Trustees Teaching Excellence Award and author of national mathematics texts understands that gifts from faculty and staff have a positive impact on our students, campus improvements and growth.

In August 2003 Burton was recognized publicly for her $50,000 gift to the Watson School of Education to support the North Carolina Teachers Legacy Hall. She was honored at a press conference along with two corporate donors, Cooperative Bank and Progress Energy. Students of today and tomorrow will continue to feel her presence as a direct result of her generosity.

This is not the first time that UNCW and Watson School students have benefited from a gift from Burton. In March 2000 she funded the Promise of Excellence in Teaching endowment. This endowment will provide an annual award to an intern in the area of education who has shown commitment to education, enthusiasm for teaching and genuine concern for intellectual and emotional growth.

Burton also made provisions to offer a graduate fellowship to a high achieving elementary, reading, middle school or special education full-time graduate student for an amount equal to full-time in-state tuition and fees.

The faculty-staff campaign "Partners for Excellence" gives faculty and staff an opportunity to provide financial support to areas of UNCW they feel are important. Gifts from university faculty and staff send a powerful message to alumni and friends in the community, showing that if they believe strongly enough in UNCW to make a gift, then others' investments in UNCW will make a difference, too.

Chancellor Rosemary DePaolo, left, and Dean Cathy Barlow, right, pose with three donors to Watson School of Education programs and the N.C. Teachers Legacy Hall: Jeff Corbett of Progress Energy, former UNCW professor Grace Burton and Frederick Willetts III of Cooperative Bank.

Fellows program connects supporters

The UNCW College of Arts and Sciences has established the College Fellows program to connect alumni, friends and supporters to the college's 24 departments.

Individuals who make an annual gift of $500 or more to the Excellence Fund will enjoy special benefits unique to the College of Arts and Sciences: reserved enrollment for College Day with complimentary tuition, an invitation to an annual Fellows Party hosted by the dean and year-round invitations to readings, lectures and other programs. Donors at this level also become members of the UNCW Deans' Club.

The program is tailored to individuals who make supporting the College of Arts and Sciences an important part of their charitable giving every year. Fellowships in creative writing and the distinguished professorship in Jewish history are the result of individuals who have made major philanthropic gifts to the college.

Annual unrestricted support is essential to the mission of the college and is the objective of the College Fellows program. This support helps the university to hold down the cost of education and provide services and opportunities not covered by state funding.

More information can be obtained by contacting Eddie Stuart, director of development for the College of Arts and Sciences, at 910.962.7665

Seahawk alumni flock back to the nest for Homecoming 2004

UNCW alumni will celebrate Homecoming 2004 Jan. 23-25.

Throughout the weekend, graduates from the class of 1994 will be recognized as they celebrate their 10-year reunion. Also receiving recognition will be alumni from Alpha Phi Sorority, Theta Chi Fraternity and Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity; the collegiate chapters were honored recently with the most prestigious Greek award on campus, the Bradley Cup. UNCW will also recognize all former cheerleaders and pep band members, who will be invited to the court floor to cheer on the men's basketball team the night of the Homecoming game. Returning alumni will be invited to visit the Student Recreation Center and the bookstore; these facilities will be open to alumni Friday, Saturday and Sunday.

The annual awards banquet will be held at 6:30 p.m. Jan. 23 in the Warwick Center Ballroom. Reservations, at $20 per person, can be made by calling the alumni office by Jan. 21. The Alumnus/Alumna of the Year and the Distinguished Citizen for Service to the Community and University will be recognized. At 9 p.m. the Young Alumni Council will sponsor a Homecoming celebration in the Center Stage Café. The event will recognize the Young Alumnus of the Year. All alumni who graduated between 1993 and 2003 are invited to attend.

Other events scheduled for Friday, Jan. 23 include: alumni open house from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Upperman African American Cultural Center in the University Union; the African American Graduate Association (AAGA) student alumni social, University Union, Room 100, 4 to 7 p.m. and AAGA Step Show at 8 p.m. in Kenan Auditorium.

Plans for Saturday, Jan. 24 include: Seahawk Java, Juice and Campus Growth Explosion at 8:30 a.m. at Wise Alumni House featuring a continental breakfast and remarks by Ed Davis, associate vice chancellor of business affairs; AAGA business meeting in Warwick Center, Room 138; annual Homecoming 5K Run at 9 a.m. at the Student Recreation Center.

A campus tour will begin at the new Watson School of Education building and feature Cornerstone and Leutze halls. It will start at 10 a.m. and be led by Dean Cathy Barlow and UNCW Student Ambassadors.

AAGA will host a noon luncheon in the Center Stage Café. Chancellor Rosemary DePaolo will be the special guest. The Homecoming parade will begin at noon on campus. At 12:30 p.m. the men's basketball alumni game will take place in Trask Coliseum.

A tailgate party will be from 2 to 3:30 p.m. in the Hawk's Nest. The Homecoming basketball game - UNCW versus Delaware - starts at 4 p.m. in Trask Coliseum. Alumni and friends who were not able to get tickets will be gathering in Alleigh's sports bar to watch the televised game on the big screen.

During halftime, alumni board chair Ray Cockrell and Chancellor DePaolo will preside at the crowning of the 2004 Homecoming King and Queen. Also featured will be the drawing of the winning ticket for Bob King's 2003 sunflower yellow VW Beetle. Cameron School of Business Alumni Chapter and AAGA will host half-time socials.

The Homecoming victory celebration will be at Alleigh's restaurant and entertainment complex at 6:30 p.m. An Italian buffet dinner will be served; also planned are music provided by D.J. Lee Pearson '70, dancing, games, family fun, sports bar and jazz bar with live music and more. Tickets are $25 for adults and $10 for a kid's meal deal which includes a free game card. To reserve tickets, please contact the alumni relations office at 910.962.2682 or by e-mail to asherk@uncw.edu.

Returning out-of-town alumni may reserve lodging at any one of the following UNCW preferred hotels: Courtyard by Marriott, $45, 910.395.8224; Jameson Inn, $49, 910.452.5660; Homestay Inn, $44/$55, 910.793.1920; Wingate Inn, $65, 910.395.7011.

Alumni support makes a difference

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Since it was founded in 1947 UNCW has conferred nearly 38,000 diplomas to graduates. Countless more attended Wilmington College and UNCW on their way to earning degrees from other universities.

Our alumni have distinguished themselves locally, across the state, nationally and worldwide. We are proud of your accomplishments and the fact that our institution is part of who you have become, professionally and personally.

Your support of your alma mater continues to be important, especially as state dollars funding university programs decline and the costs of providing a quality education rise.

Our new chancellor, Rosemary DePaolo, is concerned as we are that alumni support has declined in recent years. Last year, less than 9 percent of our alumni base made a financial contribution to the university; the national average was 13 percent.

The chancellor has charged a committee, headed by the Division for University Advancement but working closely with representatives from across the campus, to review strategies to increase alumni involvement. A committee is looking at programs, events, publications and resources to engage alumni and strengthen existing ties.

Our goal is to raise alumni giving to 10 percent by June 30. To do that, we need to retain the 3,107 current donors and add 611 new donors. Our long-term goal is to have 16 percent of our alumni providing financial support to the university for scholarships and programs that enhance learning and teaching by 2008.

We recognize that 49 percent of our alumni graduated in the last 10 years; and most individuals are just establishing their careers and families. Your gift to the university, large or small, does make a difference. You can make it in honor of that faculty member you have never forgotten, for parents who supported you along the way or a special friend or colleague.

Beginning in 2004, you will be able to make your gift online. You can also mail your check to the university or call us to make a gift by credit card.

I pledge to ask my family and friends to give. Please pledge to do the same for UNCW's bright, bright future.

With alumni spirit,

Patricia Corcoran Smith '72

UNCW alumni online

The University of North Carolina at Wilmington and the UNCW Alumni Association are pleased to announce new alumni online services including a searchable directory.

The online directory is at the core of UNCW alumni Internet services and is scheduled to be live for registration in early 2004. The directory will enable alumni to connect with each other and the university.

The additional online services offer alumni many networking capabilities and will serve to increase alumni participation in events, communication, activities, donations and information to assist in meeting the needs of the association's constituencies.

The new online services include:

- The ability to instantly communicate with targeted groups by broadcast e-mails. Responses from broadcast e-mails are higher than traditional mailings and far less expensive.
- Chapter pages and class pages that allow chapter/class leaders to manage, add content, images or events for their chapter.
- A class notes section where alumni can share career changes, engagements, weddings, births, adoptions, promotions or other milestones and personalize their notes with photos. They will be able to sort through the notes of fellow alumni.
- Online donations, which can be made on a secure form. An acknowledgement e-mail is sent to both the donor and the UNCW administrator.
- Lifetime forwarding e-mail service that will allow alumni to have an e-mail address that is affiliated with UNCW and can remain consistent even if an individual's job or e-mail provider changes.

Other services being considered to be added in the future include:

- A career center that gives alumni access to job and resume databanks to assist them in searching for and posting jobs.
- Mentoring for alumni or alumni to students as it relates to career advice or other topics.
- Single question polls to collect information to assist the university with accessing wants, needs and opinions of alumni. Results of the polls will be available immediately as they will be time-stamped and available online for viewing.

These new online services and directory are exciting, interactive and exclusive for UNCW alumni. Look for this new service right after the holidays at www.uncw.edu/alumni.

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Share the love: Return home in January

I love UNCW!

In my job as a recruiter for UNCW, I have the opportunity to travel most of North Carolina and several other states seeking energetic, excited, involved, academically and otherwise talented students who will come to UNCW. These students will carry on our traditions, create new traditions, continue the quality experience and education received at UNCW and go forward to be active alumni.

I also have the great experience of meeting parents who are UNCW alumni, as well as other alumni in the community. They love UNCW! These alumni come to me at college fairs and talk about the great experience they had here and how much UNCW still means to them.

For most alumni, UNCW was our home away from home at a significant time in our lives. What better time to revisit our "home" than during the upcoming Homecoming celebration - Jan. 23-25. It will be a weekend full of activities with opportunities to learn, experience and re-connect with UNCW.

This year's Homecoming celebration will highlight Alpha Phi, Theta Chi and Kappa Alpha Psi - all Bradley Cup winners. For those in these fraternities and sororities, call your brothers and sisters and get everyone out for this reunion opportunity.

We will highlight the class of 1994 - an opportunity for these classmates to reunite after 10 years.

For those who have not been back to campus in a while, the campus tour will showcase the new Watson School of Education building, Leutze Hall and Cornerstone Hall, the new residence hall and home to the Learning Communities program.

Get an overview of the building and construction explosion on campus by Ed Davis, assistant vice chancellor for facilities, at the Saturday brunch hosted by the alumni association at Wise Alumni House.

Cheer the Seahawks to victory as the men's basketball team takes on Delaware and then join the alumni association for fun and fellowship at Alleigh's. There will be food, a variety of entertainment and something for everyone to enjoy. There is a full schedule of activities for the weekend in this magazine.

Now more than ever, the university needs the support and involvement of the alumni. We have achieved great things and are now reaching farther for academic and university-wide excellence. Your involvement and financial support will play a critical role in reaching our goals.

We all love UNCW! Come "home" and celebrate where we have been and where we are going with old and new friends. See you there!

With alumni spirit,

Ray Cahill '88 & '96M

Photo by Frank Bua

Several scholarship recipients attended a dinner in their hanar at Wise Alumni House. Pictured are: Brendan Murphy and Hunter Coore, frant; Sharon Duff, Megan Antes and Michelle Jarman, back.

Alumni association awards 2003-04 merit scholarships

The alumni association awarded 13 merit scholarships for the 2003-04 academic year to students who have demonstrated excellence in the classroom and their communities. Each is valued at approximately $1,500 a year and is renewable annually if criteria are met on a continuing basis.

Graduate scholarship renewals:

- Jennifer J. Murphy of Wilmington was awarded the P. Daniel Lockamy Jr. Graduate Alumni Scholarship. She is working on a master's degree in curriculum and instructional supervision.
- Todd Thomas was awarded the Lewis-Wiley Alumni Endowed Fellowship Scholarship. He is currently enrolled in the Master of Arts in Liberal Studies program.

New undergraduate scholarships:

- Charley McArthur is a senior who was awarded the Gerald H. Shinn Alumni Scholarship. She is a biology major and plans to pursue a career in health and fitness.
- Michael Harrington of Norwood is a freshman who plans to major in chemistry or biology.
- Emily Hall is a freshman from Smithfield who plans to major in pre-physical therapy.
- Brendon Murphy is a freshman from Four Oaks. He plans to major in film studies and pursue a career as a screenwriter.

Scholarship renewals:

- Megan Antes, a resident of Wilmington, was awarded the Wilmington College Endowed Scholarship. She is a junior who hopes to become a veterinarian.
- Sharon I. Duff of Holly Ridge is the recipient of the Hugh Henry Fox Alumni Scholarship, awarded in the memory of Wilmington College's first graduate. She is a senior in the Watson School of Education.
- Sandra L. Tatum of Hampstead is a junior majoring in international finance.
- Hunter Coore of Vass was awarded the Jim Humphries Memorial Scholarship. He is a biology major and plans to become an emergency room physician.
- Andrea Cartrette of Castle Hayne is a senior majoring in English.

Athletic scholarships:

- Michelle Jarman of Wilmington is a sophomore and a member of the women's golf team.
- Jennifer Truda of Glen Allen, Va., is a senior and member of the women's soccer team.

These scholarships are funded by donations from UNCW alumni and friends, as well as income from the UNCW Seahawk collegiate license program. Applications for 2004-05 scholarships will be available in January and must be submitted to the Alumni Relations Office by March 12.

Stay in touch

Let us know what's happening in your life and help us keep our files up to date by writing to alumnews@uncw.edu or logging on at www.uncw.edu/alumni.

The Office of Alumni Relations has secured a block of 200 reserved seats for the UNCW vs. NC State University basketball game on Jan. 3.

The game will be played in the RBC Center in Raleigh; tip-off is at 8 p.m. Tickets are just $10. Priority will be given to active alumni donors (those who made a gift to UNCW after July 1, 2003) and their guests.

Hotel Summit at Crabtree Valley, where UNCW alumni and Seahawk Club members will be staying, will be the pregame party site.

For more information call the Office of Alumni Relations.

All alumni who have made a contribution to UNCW between July 1 and Dec. 15, 2003, will be placed into a drawing for a pair of tickets to the Dec. 28 UNCW vs UNC basketball game at the Myrtle Beach Convention Center. Game time is 1 p.m.

Only three pairs of tickets will be awarded.

The UNCW Alumni Association has provided these tickets as a way of saying "thank you" to those alumni who have made a contribution in support of UNCW.

The next meeting of the UNCW Alumni Association Board of Directors is slated for 8:30 a.m. Jan. 10 at Wise Alumni House.

Wilmington College alumni reach endowment goal

Back in 2001, J. Marshall Crews, professor emeritus, suggested to Wilmington College alumni gathered for a reunion that they raise the funds to endow a scholarship in the name of their alma mater.

His motivation was to remember the university's beginnings by creating a perpetual scholarship for a deserving student.

"We taught and learned from each and were the roots of this grand institution that UNCW has become," Crews said. "A part of us lies within its foundation. People soon forget the past but we want to leave a reminder of our contributions."

A personal appeal letter was sent to over 700 Wilmington College alumni, faculty, staff and friends asking them to support the initiative to raise $25,000. The goal was to secure 250, $100 donors, and the necessary contribution level would be achieved.

Donations began to roll in with personal notes attached hailing the education that alumni received while attending "the college."

Jack Loftus '66, senior vice president of communications with Nielson Media Research, wrote that Crews' "letter landed here (Scarsdale, N.Y.) on fertile ground, and I am delighted to contribute and will do so on an ongoing basis, as needed."

The goal was reached and surpassed on Aug. 20, when the Wilmington College Alumni Chapter met the university's new chancellor, Rosemary DePaolo, at a luncheon she hosted on UNCW's campus.

The strength of the foundation of Wilmington College and the alumni chapter members combined with the energy, intellect and stellar leadership that DePaolo brings to the campus inspired the final donations that propelled the Wilmington College Scholarship to $26,060.

Megan Antes, a UNCW junior from Wilmington, is the first Wilmington College scholar. Megan is majoring in biology and pre-veterinary medicine. She proudly represents this group of donors. Megan received the Phi Eta Sigma Freshman Scholar Award, which is given to the freshman with the highest GPA from the freshman honor society.

Judge Rebecca Blackmore presented Chancellor DePaolo with a key to Wise Alumni House (above). Fifteen past choirs gathered to meet the new chancellor.

Bennett receives Crews Award

John P. Bennett received the J. Marshall Crews Distinguished Faculty Award at the Aug. 21 faculty meeting. It was awarded by the Past Chairs' Council of the UNCW Alumni Association.

Known by his students as the "dancing and surfing professor" Bennett is a professor in the Health and Applied Human Sciences Department.

His nominator, Carl Stockton, said, "I have been impressed with Dr. Bennett's service to the community, the university and the profession. In addition, Dr. Bennett is a strong advocate for student support. His leadership skills are outstanding and are evidenced by his many awards given by his peers."

Council Chair Shanda Bordeaux '92 presented Bennett with a $500 stipend and a medallion.

Chancellor Rosemary DePaolo met with the council just three weeks into her tenure. There was record attendance that night with past chairmen coming from around the state for the opportunity to meet the university's new leader.

Bennett

The council was impressed by her warmth, emphasis on a strong alumni presence which she stated included volunteerism, sharing personal talents and the foundation of support that needed to move forward and soar. The council looks forward to assisting Chancellor DePaolo achieve the goals she sets for UNCW.

At the council's October meeting Ken Spackman, director of university planning, reviewed the chancellor's institutional benchmark study, which stimulated lively discussion and thoughts for future dialogue.

The next meeting is 6 p.m. Jan. 6 at Wise Alumni House.

Stay on top of UNCW news with *Seahawk Spotlight*

The *Seahawk Spotlight* keeps you informed about university and alumni association news and events.

This monthly electronic newsletter is sent via e-mail and is available on the Web at www.uncw.edu/alumni/seahawk_spotlight. A new edition comes out the 15th of every month.

If you would like to subscribe, please send an e-mail to alumnews@uncw.edu and write "subscribe to newsletter" in the subject line; include your name, address and class year in the body of the message.

Workers replace the balustrade on the main level porch of Wise Alumni House.

Jeff Etheridge, choir of the UNCW Board of Trustees, presents to Pat Smith, executive director of alumni relations, a fromed copy of the 1975 certificate which states that Wise Alumni House, referred to as the Holt-Wise House, has been placed on the National Register of Historic Ploces, thereby joining an elite group of properties that are "significant in American History, architecture, archeology and culture" which "deserve to be preserved by their owners as a part of the cultural heritage of our nation."

Renovations, furnishing enhance Wise Alumni House

Wise Alumni House is regaining some of its original flourish with renovations completed and furnishings obtained in recent months.

More than $20,000 in painting and repairs were done by the university, and $7,500 has been budgeted to repair the wrought iron gates to the house.

Before retiring, Business Affairs Vice Chancellor Tim Jordan '69 allocated an additional $15,000. Louise Gorham '58 and Pat Smith '72 scoured area antique shops to find appropriate furnishings to enhance the historic alumni house.

Elegant dining room pieces, such as a mahogany breakfront with bubble glass, a Sheraton mahogany hunt board with original brasses, circa 1920's, and a mahogany federal demilune cabinet were purchased.

Displayed in the dining room is a framed photograph of Tabitha Hutaff McEachern, late benefactor of Wise Alumni House for whom the dining room is named. Tabitha contributed $25,000 to reinstate a replica of the original French wallpaper called "The Hunt Scene" that once decorated the room.

The large grand room now has a Federal style 1800's sofa and a shield back side chair contributed by Teresa Brown, accented by two newly reupholstered wingback side chairs.

All downstairs fireplaces have andirons and brass accessories loaned either from Kenan House, which is under renovation, or Chancellor Emeritus James Leutze and his wife, Marge Gates, or purchased from local antique stores. The mantle in the parlor features a French Garniture clock and candelabra set originally from either Kenan or Wise house. It had been purchased by Troy Henry '70 after the deaths of Sarah Kenan and Jessie Wise, and then sold to Betty Bowen of Betty B's Antiques who displayed it in her home for over 20 years.

An original wool Aubusson-style rug (dated 1800-10) from France that belonged to Jessie Hargrave Kenan Wise was donated to the house. A signature piece from the rug will be mounted and framed, as the entire rug is too damaged to use.

Other accessories that bring life and warmth to the home are filled bookcases topped by figurines, antique clocks and books; fern stands; marble-topped tables; a crystal pedestal punch bowl with 12 crystal cups; reframed historic photos; mantel and table lamps; urn vases; silver candlesticks and china accent pieces.

Six-foot tables and folding chairs were replaced by warehouse services to meet the growing needs for special events held at the house. The grounds have blossomed with colorful plantings of burgundy coleus, *vinca major* and new Bermuda grass sod.

The original balustrade was replaced on the main level porch as a result of an earlier grant from the William R. Kenan Jr. Charitable Trust. Interior and exterior lighting has been enhanced by a gift from the Flagler Foundation.

Wise Alumni House continues to be a work in progress. To those who support, maintain, care, contribute to and love Wise Alumni House, this old house and grounds thank you.

Basketball socials

Join your fellow alumni and friends to celebrate the men's basketball season during upcoming socials in the Hawk's Nest.

- Jan. 10 - Soups, Sandwiches & Sweets, noon to 1:30 p.m. UNCW plays Drexel at 2 p.m.
- Jan. 24 - Homecoming Tailgate Party, 2 to 3:30 p.m. UNCW plays Delaware at 4 p.m.
- Feb. 28 - Italian Feast - 6:30 to 8 p.m. UNCW plays Hofstra at 4 p.m.

Reservations are required for each social and can be made by calling the alumni relations office.

Admission is $10 per person in advance or $12 at the door. Children, ages six to 12, will be admitted for $5 each; there is no charge for children five and under.

Active alumni and friends who contribute $250 or more annually to the UNCW Alumni Association or Wise Alumni House will be admitted to each social with one guest for half-price at $5 a person.

Door prizes will be awarded at each event.

Alumni benefits

UNCW and Wilmington College alumni who contribute $25 or more annually to UNCW are entitled to:

- Subscription to *UNCW Magazine* and monthly e-mail newsletter
- Alumni window decal and card
- Selected Randall Library privileges
- Special invitations to alumni and university events
- Discounted pregame socials for alumni donors of $250
- Discounted men's basketball season tickets and movie tickets
- One-year, free career services after graduation
- Alumni volunteer board, chapter, council leadership opportunities
- Dynamic young alumni/chapter program
- Online benefits (coming in January 2004, log on at www.uncw.edu/alumni for details.)

AAGA

The African American Graduate Association (AAGA) has been active in many projects this year in an effort to assist undergraduates and promote fellowship among its members. In August, AAGA helped new students move their belonging into the residence halls during Freshman Move-In. The chapter has hosted city-to-city socials in Washington, D.C., Whiteville and Greensboro and is planning a social in Raleigh to recruit members. AAGA will host its Senior Sankofa ceremony at the Wise Alumni House for seniors graduating in December. AAGA's plans for Homecoming 2004 include a step show, board meeting, Friday night social with students, Saturday luncheon with Chancellor Rosemary DePaolo and half-time social during the men's basketball game. AAGA is encouraging former UNCW Gospel Choir members to return to campus and participate in Homecoming 2004 activities along with the Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity, one of three Greek organizations to be honored Homecoming weekend. Contact: Karen Jenkins Cheek '89 at 919.718.6639 or karen_cheek@unc.edu.

Atlanta Chapter

The Atlanta Alumni Chapter hosted a reception Sept. 14 to welcome Chancellor Rosemary DePaolo at the Southern Center for International Studies. Many area alumni had the opportunity to meet Dr. DePaolo and hear about her vision for the university. The chapter hosted "Cocktails in the Garden," a social networking opportunity, at the Atlanta Botanical Gardens on Sept. 24, and members attended Jazz at the High Museum of Art on Nov. 21. They plan to participate in the March of Dimes Walk on April 24. Contact: Laura Medlin '93 at lmedlin@mfllaw.com or Todd Olesiuk '99 at toddolesiuk@yahoo.com.

Todd Olesiuk '99 and Laura Medlin '93 of the Atlanta Chapter hasted a reception for Chancellar DePaala in September.

Dean Larry Clark joined Cameran Schaal of Business alumni Trudy Maus '91, '97M, Melissa Blackburn-Walton '87 and Larry White '90M at the "picnic in the park."

Cameron School of Business Chapter

About 150 alumni, faculty and staff attended the Cameron School of Business Alumni Chapter's annual picnic at Hugh MacRae Park in August. On Aug. 21, the chapter assisted the Cameron Executive Network when it hosted a reception welcoming Chancellor Rosemary DePaolo. The Cameron School of Business will celebrate its 25th anniversary celebration during Business Week, March 25-27, and the chapter is working diligently to increase alumni participation in the planned activities. Contact: Melissa Blackburn-Walton '87 at 910.799.9496 or mmwalton@bellsouth.net.

Cape Fear Chapter

The Cape Fear Alumni Chapter wants to spreads its wings and engage more alumni in the Wilmington area. The chapter is asking the more than 8,000 UNCW graduates who live in Brunswick, New Hanover and Pender counties to get out and support the university and the UNCW Alumni Association. They can do this by participating in some of the upcoming chapter events like the annual pregame basketball socials, the annual Cape Fear Alumni Golf Classic during the spring and the annual Grand Slam Jam during the UNCW baseball season. Contact: Jodi Chilcote '98, 910.793.6797 or kingfishin@aol.com.

Charleston Chapter

The Charleston Alumni Chapter kicked off the alumni year with a successful social on June 30 at T-Bonz Restaurant. The chapter is planning similar events in the months to come. The chapter will host UNCW Student Ambassadors when they attend their annual conference at the College of Charleston March 4-7. Contact: Wayne Tharp '75 at dtharp7321@comcast.net

The Charlotte Chapter hosted a tailgate party during the NFL Adventure.

Charlotte Chapter

The Charlotte Alumni Chapter co-hosted the second annual Charlotte Panthers NFL Adventure. They greeted alumni from the surrounding area and 55 other alumni and friends from the Triangle Chapter who rode Amtrak from Raleigh to Charlotte. It was a great day for football and the tailgate event. Over 100 alumni, family and friends attended. Thanks to Charlotte Chapter President Sandy Saburn '89 and tailgate Chairman Rich Harron '86 who provided a first class tailgate party of hotdogs, hamburgers and all the trimmings. The chapter hosted an ice cream social in August for 19 incoming freshmen and their families to welcome them to UNCW. On Nov. 17, the chapter joined the university in hosting a social at the home of Krista Tillman, a member of the UNCW Board of Trustees, and her husband Paul to welcome Chancellor Rosemary DePaolo. Contact: Sandy Saburn '89 at 704.643.0616 or ssaburn@yahoo.com.

Communication Studies

Members of the Communication Studies Alumni Chapter attended a special celebration on Aug. 27 when the ribbon was cut on the UNCW Lakeside Hall media production studio/classroom. This is a great addition to the Communication Studies Department and will benefit the university for years to come. Despite Hurricane Isabel rolling through the area a few days before, there was a good turnout of alumni, students, faculty and staff at the Communication Studies Department's first family picnic at Hugh MacRae Park on Sept. 20. Approximately 10 chapter members are involved in the Communication Studies Society's Project Protégé Program, mentoring of communication studies students during the school year. The chapter is planning to join the society in fundraising activities and other projects throughout the academic year. The chapter will sponsor the third annual Commu-

nication Studies Day on March 19, and all communication studies alumni are invited to participate. Contact: Aaron Oliver '81 at 910.392.4236 or aaron28@bellsouth.net.

Earth Sciences Chapter

Eight people attended the Oct. 20 organizational meeting of the new Earth Sciences Alumni Chapter and are serving on the organizing committee. The members include Kristen Dougherty '97, Joyce Carter '95, Wendy Pate '00, Roger Shew '76, Stan Harts '89, Brad Worley '95, '00M, Mark Miller '78, '87, and Richard Laws '75. At the group's second meeting, Nov. 21 at King Neptune Restaurant, Wrightsville Beach, members began planning their first big event for the spring. Contact: Richard Laws at 910.962.4125 or Laws@uncw.edu.

Margaret Taylor, Stephen Bayley and Abby Bass, 2003 School of Nursing graduates, test SimMan at New Hanover Regional Medical Center.

School of Nursing Chapter

Calling all nursing graduates - the UNCW Alumni Association is looking for nursing school alumni to serve on the board of the Nursing Alumni Chapter. The chapter serves the nursing school and provides the alumni with social networking and opportunities. Contact: Tom Lamont, assistant director of alumni relations, at 910.962.2684 or lamontt@uncw.edu.

Triad Chapter

The Triad Alumni Chapter is asking all Greensboro and Winston-Salem alumni to support the chapter by participating and becoming involved in the chapter's activities. This year the chapter will offer some social networking opportunities around the televised men's basketball games. Don't miss out on these opportunities to become involved and stay connected with fellow alumni in the Triad area. Contact: Justin Treadway '02,336.923.2775 or jtreadway6@yahoo.com.

Justin Treadway '02, Triad Chapter president, Mike Cracker '94, Jeff Mann '92 and Bekki Bennett '91, Triangle Chapter president, were among the alumni who attended the NFL Adventure.

Triangle Chapter

The Triangle Alumni Chapter co-sponsored the second annual Charlotte Panthers NFL Adventure on Oct. 19. Fifty-five alumni and friends boarded the Amtrak train at stops in Raleigh, Cary, Durham, Burlington and Greensboro ending in Charlotte where they joined the Charlotte Chapter for a great tailgate cookout. A big "thank you" to Jeff Mann '92 and Bekki Bennett '91 for their hard work in making the NFL Adventure a great success. The chapter will host a pregame event Jan. 3 in Raleigh prior to the men's basketball game in which the Seahawks take on the NC State University Wolfpack. The chapter also hosted a few happy hours at the Carolina Ale House in Cary to provide the Triangle alumni with a night of fellowship, fun and socializing. Contact: Bekki Bennett '91 at 919.362.7152 or Bekki@Exec-Events.com.

Washington, D.C. Chapter

The Washington, D.C. Alumni Chapter is looking over the men's basketball schedule and planning alumni gatherings during the Seahawk's away games at Towson Jan. 19 and George Mason Feb. 25. The chapter is also studying the possibility of having an alumni event at a Washington Capitals NHL game in the near future. Contact: Cheri Arnott '97 at Cheri.Arnott@ssa.gov.

Watson School of Education Chapter

The Watson School of Education Alumni Chapter held its fall meeting at the home of Janis Norris '81. The chapter has given student interns bookmarks with names, e-mail addresses and phone numbers of alumni currently teaching in area schools as part of its student mentoring program. The chapter will host its annual alumni lecture in the spring for students. Members are committed to raising funds for the Watson School of Education's NC Teachers Legacy Hall, which will be housed in the new education building. Contact: Ann Grose '90 at 910.392.4520 or ann_grose@hotmail.com.

Young Alumni Council

The Young Alumni Council sponsored a welcome dinner for Chancellor Rosemary DePaolo on Oct. 3 at Wise Alumni House. President Tom Gale '98 welcomed Chancellor DePaolo in the grand room then she spoke to a room full of young alumni. Council members served as volunteers at the alumni booth during Riverfest on Oct. 4. A special event for young alumni during Homecoming 2004 is being planned for Jan. 23. The council is currently taking nominations for the Young Alumnus of the Year who will be announced at this event. Young alumni are those who have graduated from UNCW within the past 10 years. Contact: Tom Gale '98 at 910.383.6860 or ducal@bigfoot.com.

Other Chapters

Alumni looking for information on other UNCW alumni chapters should contact the following graduates:

Crew Club - Curt Browder '92, william.browder@ace-ina.com

Greenville Chapter - Paula Bass '83, PaulaBass@cox.net

MALS Chapter - Joanie D. Martin '91, bus2bus@bizec.rr.com

New York/New Jersey Chapter - Joan Clifford '86, cliff582@optonline.net

Richmond Chapter - Sam Mintz '02, smintz@scottstringfellow.com

Tennessee Chapter - Amanda Cannady '97, amanda_cannady@hotmail.com or John Faill '80, jfaill@comcast.net

Wilmington College Chapter - Jim Medlin '52, 791.5259

Professor Emeritus Marshall Crews and Jim Medlin '52 welcomed Chancellor DePaolo during a Wilmington College Chopter luncheon.

Alumnotes

70s

Mickey Corcoran '70 has changed the name of his Budweiser distributorship from Woodruff Distributing Company in New Bern to Atlantic Beverage Inc.

Veronica McLaurin-Brown '72, special assistant to the superintendent for New Hanover County Schools for eliminating the achievement gap, received the "local school superstar" award for her work with Success By Six, a United Way Program aimed at preparing children for success in school. She was cited for her willingness to add the voice of the African American community to efforts designed to improve education.

Rev. Julia Odom Rzonca '76 was appointed chaplain with Community Home Care Hospice in Fayetteville.

Leonard R. Devaney III '79 is a Superior Court judge for the 4th Judicial District in Bethel, Alaska. He sits on the therapeutic court bench which hears cases dealing with alcohol- and drug-addicted offenders charged with multiple offenses of driving while intoxicated and supports long-term recovery from addiction. He has been practicing law in rural Alaska for the past 12 years.

Greta A. Lint '79 has resigned from the Lexington Tourism Authority to pursue a promotional opportunity. This past year, she worked closely with the N.C. Division of Tourism, Film and Sports Development to increase awareness of the state's barbecue restaurant industry.

80s

Stane

Mark Stone '80 was elected senior vice president of First Citizens Bank in Asheville. He is a manager of relationship banking, responsible for serving commercial and business customers in the Buncombe area. He is on the board of Caring for Children, serves on the Buncombe County/City of Asheville Housing Task Force and is a member of Black Mountain Presbyterian Church.

Harry E. McClaren '85 retired from the Marine Corps after 28 years of active service. He now works for Sikorsky Aircraft Corporation as director of heavy lift programs in Washington, D.C. He and his wife, Elizabeth Grubb McClaren '83, reside in Woodbridge, Va.

Donis Noe Smith '86, '94M, a financial advisor in Morgan Stanley's Wilmington office, was awarded the certified financial planner certification by the Certified Financial Planner Board of Standards Inc. Smith is responsible for providing financial planning services and investment advice to individuals.

Smith

Becky Falor '87, a Cape Fear Academy music teacher, was one of the seven authors of the book, *AP Vertical Teams Guide for Fine Arts: Music Theory*. The book, produced by the College Board, is a curriculum guide for educating professionals in general music, orchestra and band.

Kim Kopka-Ratcliff '88 was named co-anchor of Wilmington's ABC affiliate WWAY News Channel 3 station's 6 and 11 p.m. broadcasts.

DeeDee M. "Phillippe" Jarman '89 graduated from Central Michigan University with a Master of Science Administration degree in May.

Charlotte Piepmeier '89 of Santa Fe, N.M., wrote a children's book for ages five to 11 called *Lucy's Journey to the Wild West*. The book includes history and geography and covers the trauma of having to leave a home that you love.

90s

Cindy Talbert '90M was appointed the principal of Pine Valley Elementary School. An educator with 26 years of experience, she was featured Aug. 27 in a *Wilmington Star-News* series on new principals in New Hanover County Schools. She said one of the challenges of her new position is working with 20 different languages spoken at the school.

Margaret K. Williams '90 of Wilmington received her Master of Arts in Christian Education degree from Union Theological Seminary and Presbyterian School of Christian Education.

Sherry Broome '91M was appointed the principal of Ashley High School. An educator with 30 years of experience, she was featured Aug. 3 in a *Wilmington Star-News* series on new principals in New Hanover County Schools. She recently earned her doctorate in curriculum and instruction from UNC Greensboro.

Anne Johnson '91 was promoted to corporate controller for Reeds Jewelers in Wilmington. She is a certified public accountant.

Larry Knowles Jr. '93 is a sales executive for Sloan Realty in Myrtle Beach. In 2002, he was involved in over $7 million of real estate transactions, placing him in the top five percent of 1,600 real estate agents in Horry and Georgetown counties, S.C.

Benny Hill '94, popular jazz saxophonist in the Wilmington area, is pursuing a master's degree in jazz studies at Northern Illinois University. He was featured in the July 10 *Wilmington Star-News* Currents magazine.

Navy Lt. Helen H. Jackson '94 departed on a routine, scheduled deployment while assigned to the guided missile cruiser *USS Philippine Sea*. The ship is part of the *USS Enterprise* Carrier Strike Group, which is continuing America's ongoing operations in the war on terrorism.

Lee Ann Walker-Cooper '94 is playing on the Ladies Professional Golf Association Tour.

D. Neal Leeper '95 of Franchise Real Estate Inc. achieved the Specialist Office/Retail Real Estate office designation awarded by the Society of Industrial and Office Realtors, an international association of professional commercial real estate brokers. Neal is a member of the UNCW Alumni Association Board of Directors.

Tyese Scott-Oates '95, '02M was appointed the principal of Dorothy B. Johnson Elementary School. She was featured Aug. 20 in a *Wilmington Star-News* series on new principals in New Hanover County Schools.

Weiss

Gregory Weiss '96 is an investment counselor with First Citizens Investor Services in Raleigh.

Sahrina Varnam '97 was named employee of the month for July at the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration.

Katherine Tootoo Makepeace '98, co-leader of the Cape Fear Chapter of Mothers & More, was featured in an August 31 *Wilmington Star-News* article on the organization that provides women with support during their active parenting years.

George S. Potts III '98 completed the eight-week U.S. Navy basic training program at Recruit Training Command, Great Lakes, Ill.

Ginger Bayles '99 of Whiteville received a juris doctor degree from the Roger Williams University Ralph R. Papitto School of Law in May. She was a contributing writer for *The Docket*, a Student Bar Association publication and a member of the American Bar Association Law Student Division and the Association of Public Interest Law. Ginger was a legal assistant for Mann & Mitchell and Poore & Rosenbaum and a student attorney at the Roger Williams University Criminal Defense Clinic.

Gay

Michael Gay '99 was promoted to financial services manager at First Citizens Bank in Raleigh. He is a member of the North Raleigh Rotary Club and is a volunteer with Junior Achievement. He resides in Knightdale, where he is member of the volunteer fire department.

00s

Navy Ensign Shannon Stout '01 is enrolled at the Uniformed Services University of the Health Sciences in Bethesda, Md. Established by the Department of Defense, the university is the nation's only accredited federal school of medicine and graduate school of nursing. Upon graduation, Stout will complete a minimum of seven years of active duty.

Matt Weaver '01 was promoted to financial services manager at First Citizens Bank in Cornelius. He is a member of the Lake Norman Chamber of Commerce and resides in Davidson.

Wynn

Amanda Wynn '01 received her M.B.A., with concentrations in e-business and marketing, in May from Regent University. She is pursuing a Ph.D. in information systems at Nova Southeastern University in Fort Lauderdale.

Marine Corps Reserve Pfc. Amanda L. Nelms '02 completed 12 weeks of basic training at Marine Corps Recruit Depot, Parris Island, S.C., and was promoted to her current rank.

Marlo Sabrinsky '02 of Charlotte is a computer support specialist with Freeman-White Company.

Sallie Smith Tribou '02 has had two books published, *Chinaberry Trees Forever* and *Matters of the Heart*.

Janet Oliver '03 is the administrative assistant to the library director at the New Hanover County Public Library.

Maggie Ashburn '03M is a staff accountant in the audit department of McGladrey & Pullen.

Weddings

Alison P. Humphrey '89 and Derek W. Stenner on Sept. 27, 2003. Alison is employed by Per-Se Technologies. The couple resides in Durham.

Stephen T. Beacham '92 and Elizabeth T. Raymond on June 21, 2003. The couple resides in Carolina Beach.

Lesli Ann Knauss '93 and Barry Coburn on Oct. 18, 2003.

David M. Thompson '95 and LeeAnn Wilcox on May 3, 2003. David is a vice president and commercial banker in Wilmington.

Rebecca Wolf '96 and Jamie Marks on May 25, 2003. Rebecca works for Chubb & Son. The couple resides in Boston, Mass.

Ryan Fleek '97 and **Leigh Poole '98** on May 4, 2003. Leigh is a research associate at UNC - Chapel Hill and is pursuing a graduate degree. Ryan is operations manager at the Carolina Sportsplex in Morrisville. The couple lives in Durham.

Shaw

Melissa Shaw '97 and Ed Pierick on Sept. 6, 2003. Melissa is a copywriter for Renaissance Learning Inc. The couple resides in New Glarus, Wisc.

Ted E. Cook '98 and **Mandy L. Hill '99, '02M** on Aug. 2, 2003. Mandy is pursuing a Ph.D. in marine science at the University of South Florida. Ted, who earned a Ph.D. in materials science and engineering at NC State University, is a senior research engineer at Intel Corporation in Portland, Ore. The couple maintains homes in both Florida and Oregon.

Joseph M. Everhardt '98 and **Elizabeth H. Davis '99** on Sept. 6, 2003. Joseph is a realtor with Blue Coast Properties, and Elizabeth is a sales representative of Mutual Distributing Company. The couple lives in Wilmington.

Horace H. Mayo III '98 and Jamie E. Farlow on Oct. 11, 2003. Horace is the president of Coastline Mortgage Consultants, LLC. The couple lives in Wilmington.

Walter "Brad" Wooddell '98 and Sasha T. Schrom on Oct. 23, 2003. Brad is a real estate agent with his parents' firm, Live Oak Real Estate. A language arts teacher at Burgaw Middle School, Sasha is pursuing a master's degree in education from UNCW.

Tony M. Brown '99 and **Carrie Schroeder '99** on May 17, 2003.

Henry M. Fulop '99 and Alison H. Jones on June 1, 2003. Henry is employed by Lazard Freres. The couple resides in New York, N.Y.

Mary Lou Klein '99 and Scott Schweizer on Nov. 30, 2002. The couple lives in Pittsburgh, Pa.

Leslie S. Rogers '99 and Troy S. Moore on Sept. 27, 2003. Leslie is a teacher in Brunswick County. The couple lives in Wilmington.

Rebecca S. Upchurch '99 and Jeffrey B. Bollinger on April 26, 2003. The couple lives in Durham.

Crystal F. Danford '00 and Christopher A. Albertson on Sept. 27, 2003. The couple lives in Whitedeer, Pa.

David J. Pagliughi '00 and **Ashley A. Poteat '03** on June 8, 2003. David is marketing coordinator for Rampage Sports Fishing Yachts. The couple resides in Wrightsville Beach.

John D. Peacock '00 and **Danielle C. Durham '01** on April 12, 2003. John is employed by the N.C. Department of Environment and Natural Resources, and Danielle works with PharmaResearch. The couple resides in Wilmington.

Katherine F. Roberts '00, '01M and James M. Harrell on Oct. 25, 2003. Katherine is employed as an accountant in Wilmington.

Allison L. Weidner '00 and Marco Lenzi on May 17, 2003. The couple lives in Wilmington.

Julie K. Yarborough '00 and Michael E. Lopez on June 21, 2003. The couple lives at Wrightsville Beach.

Karen L. Green '01 and John R. Gertz Jr. on May 10, 2003. The couple resides in Wilmington.

Tiffany M. Hadley '01 and Christopher M. Thomas on June 7, 2003. The couple resides in Wilmington.

Jennifer E. Hawks '01 and Christopher M. Walch on May 24, 2003. The couple lives in Wilmington.

Derrick W. Heglar '01 and **Jennifer Smith '02** on April 12, 2003.

Eric S. Johnson '01 and **Brandi D. Hart '01** on June 21, 2003. The couple lives in Wilmington.

Lisa M. Claffey '02 and Matthew G. Winchell on Oct. 4, 2003. Lisa is employed with Saucier Inc. The couple resides in Wilmington.

Shemekka E. Coleman '02 and Thurston T. Miles on April 26, 2003. The couple resides in Wilmington.

Megan E. Smith '02 and Erik K. Davies on Sept. 13, 2003. Megan is employed by New Hanover Regional Medical Center. The couple resides in Wilmington.

Christopher S. Wrede '02 and Jamie Campbell on Sept. 21, 2003.

Molly K. Moore '03 and Christopher C. Kemp on June 21, 2003. Molly is employed by Ward and Smith, P.A. A student at UNCW, Christopher is employed by New Hanover Regional Emergency Medical Services.

Best-Tuten gets national honor

Kimberly Best-Tuten '86 of Atlanta, Ga., received the Blacks In Government 2003 National Meritorious Service Award. She was recognized for her outstanding membership recruitment and retention activities having recruited 20 new members for the organization within a three-month time span. Because of her efforts, the Atlanta Metropolitan chapter membership increased by 62 percent.

Best-Tuten

Best-Tuten has engaged in a variety of program development efforts on behalf of the chapter nationally, regionally and locally. Her efforts as a community leader with the "BIG Vote" promoted voter registration and resulted in increased numbers of registered voters among underprivileged and special groups in the African American community. In addition, she supported the BIG Building Fund and the Combined Federal Campaign to the National Organization of BIG.

As a member of the National Communications and Public Relations Committee, Best-Tuten wrote three articles for the *Daily Update* at the 2002 national training conference, including "BIG Africa Initiative Public Service: Your Involvement in Global Affairs"; "Behind the Scenes: The Chairman of the Board of Directors"; and "Creating a Successful Future at GSA – Part II" (co-authored). She also published an article in the April issue of *BIG Connections* entitled, "Making the BIG Pitch." Additionally, Best-Tuten wrote and published a newsletter, *The Eagle,* for associates of the U. S. General Services Administration.

Realizing that partnership often provides opportunity, Best-Tuten makes a concerted effort to create connections between those in need of mentoring and development and the organizations that can provide those opportunities. Examples of her collaborative work includes:

- Being recognized by the African American Graduate Association at UNCW as a founding member.
- Acting as a speaker and advisor to minority groups on issues of employment and education.
- Serving as a tutor and mentor to local inner-city elementary schools, thereby enhancing students' knowledge in reading and mathematics.
- Raising approximately $1,000 within four weeks for a school in the Atlanta area, donating a violin to an indigent child and needed items to the Carrie Pitts-Steele home for abandoned children.
- Recruiting and coordinating more than 20 volunteers for Whitefoord Community Project, a community based organization whose vision is to ensure that every child in the Whitefoord Community is equipped with everything she or he needs to succeed in school.
- Serving as a panelist on promotion and hiring boards which resulted in 13 minorities being hired at GSA.

Best-Tuten is a human resources specialist with U.S. General Services Administration in Atlanta.

Renee D. Styron '02 and Corey D. Umeda '03 on May 24, 2003. The couple lives in Wilmington.

Births

To **Keith E. Hedrick** '79 and his wife Lisa, a son, Matthew Fisher, on May 19, 2003. Keith is a senior internal auditor with South Jersey Gas in Folsom, N.J.

To **Charlotte Pearson Kinney** '92 and her husband Ben, a son, Jackson Martin, on Oct. 2, 2002. The family resides in Charlotte.

To **Eric M. Levin** '94 and **Nikki Ridgway Levin** '96, a son, Tate Alius, on Feb. 17, 2003. He joins three-year-old son, Abe Hallman. The family resides in Hickory.

To **McGavock Henderson Edwards** '96 and her husband, Jeff, a son, Elijah Thomas, on July 18, 2003. McGavock is a senior counselor with Eply Associates Inc./Public Relations and serves on the UNCW Alumni Association Board of Directors. The Edwards family resides in Raleigh

Edwards

Deaths

Thomas B. Hawkins Jr. '55 of Wilmington, on June 9, 2003.

Gerald D. Stone '56 on May 12, 2003.

David H. Day '74 of Winston-Salem, on May 10, 2003.

Steven A. Anderson '92 of Charlotte, on June 2, 2003. While at UNCW he was a charter member of Kappa Alpha and founding father of the local chapter of Tau Nu Pi fraternity.

Sabine Vonklahr Page '95 of Ocean Isle Beach, on May 12, 2003

Friends

Margaret Shannon Morton, 106, of Henderson, on Oct. 11, 2003. She was one of the original Wilmington College faculty members who began teaching in 1947. She was the first full-time teacher in the English Department and was also its first chair. She was named dean of women in 1963. Morton retired as professor emeritus in 1965 after 18 years of service. In 1981, the campus humanities building was dedicated as Morton Hall in her honor.

Burdette ninth UNCW alumnus awarded Fulbright scholarship

Kemp Burdette '03 received a Fulbright scholarship to study in Canada. He is the ninth UNCW student awarded this prestigious grant.

"I have spent my undergraduate career preparing for this opportunity," said Burdette. He will use the scholarship to study maritime history at Memorial University of Newfoundland. Burdette said Memorial University, located in the port city of St. John's, is an ideal place to continue his studies.

"A year of study in Canada will provide a unique opportunity to learn maritime history at a leading university in this field. More importantly though, a year at Memorial will provide me with an international educational experience and a valuable cultural exchange," said Burdette.

"I know that Kemp is very excited about this grant, and he worked very hard to obtain it," said Raymond Burt, UNCW's Fulbright coordinator and assistant vice chancellor for academic affairs. "Fulbright grantees do not participate in U.S. study abroad programs but design their own program of study at a foreign university of their choice. This will not be just a classroom experience. It is a total immersion in another culture, and that is one of the greatest educational experiences you can have."

Burdette

Burdette graduated *magna cum laude* with majors in history and geology and focused his studies on maritime history. He has written extensively on the subject, including "The Black River: History, Evolution and Impacts on Southeastern North Carolina" and "Point Caswell: A Steamboat Town at the End of the 19th Century." Both are located in the Special Collections Room at UNCW as well as in the New Hanover County Public Library. Burdette's honors thesis "Cape Fear Ballast Stones: A Tool for Historians" will be published by the university's Honors Scholars Program.

Burdette, who began his one-year assignment in mid-August, will study and conduct research with Dr. Lewis R. Fischer, a professor of history and editor-in-chief of the International Journal of Maritime History. Burdette said he plans to further his studies in maritime and related history. Upon completion of his graduate work, Burdette wants to go into education. For the past three summers, Burdette has worked as a teaching assistant for Duke University's Talent Identification Program. He said this experience has influenced his career plans.

"I hope to combine my love of research with my desire to teach others what I've learned," said Burdette. "There is still so much that we can learn about the role of the sea in the history of man, and I am ready to get started."

Harris gets top state employee award for service

Harris

Sandra Harris '03, an accounting technician in the UNCW Division for Public Service and Continuing Studies, is the 2003 recipient of the State Employees' Award of Excellence, the highest honor a state employee may receive.

She was also the 2003 UNCW Award of Excellence winner and the 2003 YWCA Woman of the Year.

Actively involved in community work, she is vice chair of the New Hanover County Community Action board of directors and chair of the Harbour Foundation. She is a mentor and a tutor for teenagers in the community and in her church. Harris also works with young girls to enhance their self-esteem and strengthen their leadership skills through her independent service, "Coming to the Stage." She assists in directing the Leadership Wilmington Alumni Association and serves on the Leadership Wilmington executive committee.

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Calendar

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UNIVERSITY OF NORTH CAROLINA AT WILMINGTON

December

13	Commencement
16	North Carolina Symphony Holiday Pops Concert*
28	UNCW vs UNC Myrtle Beach

January

3	UNCW vs NC State Raleigh
6	Past Chair's Council
7	Classes Begin
10	Alumni Board of Directors Meeting
10	Pregame Social* Noon-1:30 p.m. Hawk's Nest
19	Martin Luther King Holiday UNCW Offices Closed
22	Leadership Lecture Series: Juan Williams* 7 p.m. Kenan Auditorium
23-25	Homecoming 2004
25	Arts in Action: Umbilical Brothers: Thwak! *
29-30	UNCW Board of Trustees Meetings

February

2	Leadership Lecture Series: Dr. Gregory Stock* 7 p.m. Kenan Auditorium
5	N.C. Jazz Festival Preview*
11	Arts in Action: Les Yeux Noirs*
15	PDQ Bach: The Jekyll and Hyde Tour*
18-19	Senior Seahawk Salute
20	UNCW Jazz Ensembles *
28	Postgame Social* 6:30-8 p.m. Hawk's Nest

March

1	UNCW Wind Symphony*
4	Evening of Brass
5-8	CAA Tourrnament Richmond, Va.
6-14	Spring Break
11	North Carolina Symphony*
12	Alumni Merit Scholarship Applications Due
26	Arts in Action: Bruce Wood Dance Company*
29	Leadership Lecture Series: Fareed Zakaria* 7 p.m. Kenan Auditorium
31	Shanghai String Quartet*

April

1-4	Azalea Festival
16	Installation of Chancellor Rosemary DePaolo
17	Sam Bush*
8-9	Easter Vacation UNCW Offices Closed
15-18	A Piece of My Heart* SRO Theatre, Kenan Hall
21-25	A Piece of My Heart* SRO Theatre, Kenan Hall
24	Wilmington Symphony Orchestra*
25	Wilmington Symphony Orchestra 4 p.m. Kenan Auditorium
26	Last Day of Classes
27	Past Chairs' Council Meeting
29-30	UNCW Board of Trustees Meeting

May

1	Alumni Board of Directors Meeting
2	Last Day of Classes
8	Graduates' Breakfast and Commencement
10	Spring Semester Ends
10	University Summer Hours Begin
20	Summer Session I Begins
21	North Carolina Symphony*
31	Memorial Day UNCW Offices Closed

* Admission charge or reservations required
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HOMECOMING 2004 SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Friday, January 23

6:30 a.m. - 9 p.m.	Student Recreation Center Open*
7:45 - 6 p.m.	Bookstore Open
11 a.m. - 3 p.m.	Alumni Open House Upperman African American Cultural Center - University Union
4 - 7 p.m.	AAGA Student Alumni Social University Union, Room 100
6:30 p.m.	UNCW Alumni Association Awards Banquet* ($20) Warwick Center Ballroom
8 p.m.	AAGA Step Show Kenan Auditorium
9 p.m.	Young Alumni Homecoming Party* (No Charge) Center Stage Café, Warwick Center All 1993-2003 graduates invited Enjoy DJ and Refreshments

Saturday, January 24

8:30 a.m.	Seahawk Java, Juice & Campus Growth Explosion* (No Charge) Wise Alumni House Remarks by Ed Davis, associate vice chancellor of business affairs
9 a.m.	5K Homecoming Run*
9 a.m.	AAGA Board Meeting Warwick Center, Room 138
10 a.m. - 5 p.m.	Bookstore Open
10 a.m. - 9 p.m.	Student Recreation Center Open*
10 a.m.	Walking Campus Tour* (weather permitting) Meet at the new Watson School of Education Building
12 p.m.	AAGA Luncheon* ($10) Special guest - Chancellor Rosemary DePaolo Center Stage Café, Warwick Center
12 p.m.	Athletic Hall of Fame Luncheon* ($10) Warwick Center Ballroom (call 962-3236)
12:30 p.m.	Men's Basketball Alumni Game Trask Coliseum
2 - 3:30 p.m.	Alumni Tailgate Party* ($10) Hawk's Nest
4 p.m.	UNCW vs. Delaware Trask Coliseum Big screen viewing at Alleigh's Sports Bar
Half-time	Crowning of Homecoming King & Queen Trask Coliseum, Center Court Alumni Socials AAGA Chapter, Trask Coliseum, Room 142 Cameron School of Business Chapter, James Hall Conference Room Drawing for 2003 Sunflower Yellow VW Beetle Trask Coliseum, Center Court
6:30 p.m.	Homecoming Victory Celebration* ($25) Alleigh's Restaurant and Entertainment Complex

Sunday, January 25

10 a.m. - 2 p.m.	Bookstore Open
1 - 11 p.m.	Student Recreation Center Open Informal Alumni Fellowship & Fun

* Registration required or charge for admission. To make reservations or for more information, call 910.962.2682 or 800.596.2880 or log on at www.uncw.edu/alumni.

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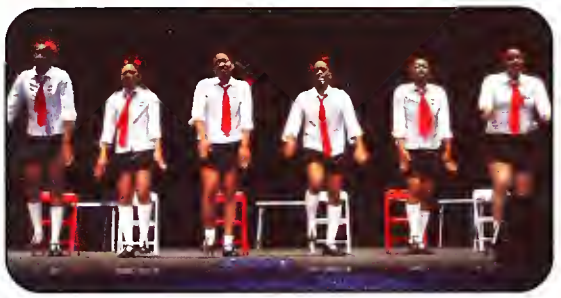

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On the cover:

Following her installation as chancellor of UNCW, Rosemary DePaolo poses with the students who carried flags of the 37 countries representing the nationalities of the university's international students. Internationalization is one of the areas where UNCW will "make waves," DePaolo stated in her installation speech.

"We'll be seeking to increase, significantly, the number of international students who come to us and enhance us. And conversely we must also send far more of our own students abroad, making it easy, natural and affordable for them to make those utterly transformative journeys to other lands. Not achieving this, would be to shirk our responsibility to prepare our students for a global society," she said.

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Campus Digest

UNCW outreach effort underway in Bolton

An impressive chapter in UNCW community outreach history was initiated in January with the opening of the Bolton Health and Wellness Center.

Bolton, located approximately 30 miles northwest of Wilmington, has North Carolina's most substantial rates of high blood pressure, heart disease and diabetes among African-Americans. The community is second to none in national rates of prostate cancer diagnosis.

Until recently, Bolton's citizens had limited access to health care. UNCW's multidiscipline collaborative health project, initiated by the School of Nursing, promises to change that.

Chancellor Rosemary DePaolo celebrated the opening of the center with U.S. Rep. Mike McIntyre and UNCW Board of Trustee Chairman Jeff D. Etheridge Jr., among others.

"Under the leadership of the UNC Wilmington School of Nursing and with the help of Congressman Mike McIntyre, a wonderful health partnership has been formed to bring access to primary health care to a previously underserved community," Chancellor DePaolo announced.

The center is a nurse-managed, service-learning site for multidisciplinary students and also serves as a scholarship site for UNCW faculty and students. Some of the specialties offered at the center include nursing, social work, sociology, education and gerontology.

"This is a perfect outreach project for UNCW in an area that is in need. The facilities that the Bolton Health and Wellness Center will provide will go a long way in an impoverished region of the state," Chairman Etheridge stated.

Thanks to the support from Rep. McIntyre, UNCW received federal funding from the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services and the U.S. Office of Rural Health Policy. The two grants that had a definitive impact on the creation of the center include $167,000 from the Health Resources and Services Administration and a $385,000 grant from the U.S. Office of Rural Health Policy.

"The people of eastern Columbus County will benefit directly from this project; UNC Wilmington students and faculty will benefit directly from this project. But beyond that, children in this area will benefit in a way we may not have even thought possible," Chancellor DePaolo concluded.

Razor Walker Award recognizes seven for support of children

Each year the Razor Walker Award is bestowed upon six individuals and one corporation that exemplify outstanding support for North Carolina children and their education. Individual recipients for 2004 are Mary Easley, James Leutze, Mary Sidberry Mosley, Robert Phay, Dr. Frank Reynolds and William Self. The outstanding corporation is Boney Architects.

Easley, First Lady of North Carolina, has established teacher recruitment and retention, infant immunization, especially among North Carolinians with English as their second language and reduction of underage drinking as among her foremost goals.

Leutze, chancellor of UNCW from 1990 through 2003, strengthened its undergraduate teaching and overall academic excellence to emerge as one of the top 10 public regional undergraduate universities in the South.

Mosley formed the Bottom Neighborhood Association Inc., a non-profit agency, in response to the deteriorating conditions of the Wilmington neighborhood in which she grew up. In 2000, she expanded the focus of this group to include areas outside of the Bottom neighborhood, and the Family and Neighborhoods Institute of North Carolina was founded.

Phay is the founder of World View: An International Program for Educators at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. This program attempts to aid schools and colleges in the preparation for students to apply a greater understanding of the complexities of an increasingly interconnected world.

Reynolds, a native of Wilmington, was recognized throughout his career as a medical leader and trusted pediatrician. He is an advocate for child health care among underprivileged children.

Self was a teacher and administrator with the Winston-Salem school system and superintendent of the Charlotte/Mecklenburg school system when the school desegregated its student population. Self is recognized by educators throughout the state as an influential leader with virtue, honesty, integrity and dedication.

Boney Architects was established in the early 1900s and has focused on the planning and design of educational facilities. Boney designed schools can be found throughout North Carolina including three of the original buildings at the University of North Carolina at Wilmington.

DePaolo named to AAC&U board

Chancellor Rosemary DePaolo was named to the board of the Association of American Colleges and Universities. AAC&U is the leading national association devoted to advancing and strengthening liberal learning for all students, regardless of academic specialization or intended career. It strives to reinforce the collective commitment to liberal education at both the national and local levels and to help individual institutions keep the quality of student learning at the core of their work as they evolve to meet new economic and social challenges.

update CONSTRUCTION

"With more than 17 major projects underway and six more set for completion over the summer, UNCW is at the height of the largest construction effort in our history. This is an exciting time for the university, the Office of Facilities and the larger community," said Ed Davis, associate vice chancellor business affairs - facilities.

About 450 jobs are being supported in the community by UNCW's construction projects, according to Davis. Based on economic information and multipliers supplied by the UNC Office of the President, it is estimated that the $50 million in receipt-supported projects and $109 million in bond-supported projects translate to a $550 million economic impact in our community.

Of those projects now underway, the school of education is more than 90 percent complete. This state-of-the-art education building will welcome students in the fall of 2004.

The renovation and addition to Westside Hall is progressing. In addition to converting the old cafeteria to office spaces and updating critical systems including heating and air, fire safety and communications, the Westside Hall project will also feature an addition providing much needed space for student services.

The renovation and addition to Hoggard Hall began this spring. In addition to renovations to bring the building's infrastructure up to standard, Hoggard Hall will also receive an addition, the Technology Support Center.

Slated to begin this summer are two new classroom buildings: the computer information systems and creative arts buildings. The former will be a 62,000-square-foot facility housing the Department of Computer Science and the Department of Information Systems and Operations Management. It will feature multidisciplinary, hands-on labs equipped with the latest information technologies; dynamically re-configurable research and instructional spaces and student "sandboxes" to facilitate team-based collaborative learning. The creative arts building will house the Departments of Music, Art and Theatre and include classrooms, seminar rooms, computer labs, rehearsal rooms, performance spaces and exhibit venues.

Coffey joins board of trustees

The University of North Carolina at Wilmington has welcomed Terry Coffey to the board of trustees.

Coffey is the president of Murphy-Brown East headquartered in Warsaw, N.C. Previously, he was president of Murphy Farms LLC. He is also an adjunct professor at N.C. State University. He is on the board of directors for the American Society of Animal Science and is currently chairman of the N.C. Swine Health Committee for the N.C. Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services. Coffey received his bachelor's, master's and doctoral degrees from the University of Georgia.

Coffey replaced Frank Block who served on the UNCW Board of Trustees for two consecutive four-year terms, the maximum time allowed to a board member.

Terry Coffey is sworn in by Superior Court Judge W. Allen Cobb at the January Board of Trustees meeting.

Wemple chosen for National Geographic *internship*

Melanie Wemple, a junior at UNCW, was chosen to participate in an internship at the National Geographic Society in the division of International Editions. Wemple, a geography major, is one of 32 students in the country to be chosen. She is the only intern from a North Carolina university and only the second UNCW student to receive this prestigious internship.

"I applied for the internship on a whim," Melanie admitted. "I wanted to know that choosing a geography major, of all things, wasn't a mistake."

Melanie recognized Doug Gamble, her advisor and an assistant professor of geography at UNCW, with having a positive influence on her. "Dr. Gamble was very helpful and encouraging. My interests were first piqued in his weather and climate class," she said.

"An internship at the National Geographic Society represents one of the most sought after positions by undergraduate geography students at American universities," Gamble said.

Wemple believes the internship has given her a sense of empowerment. "I feel that if I can come up here and survive by myself...I can do pretty well just about anywhere," she said.

She also credits the experience with improving her academic skills, noting, "I've been able to improve my writing skills, and most notably my research skills."

Ninth UNCW student receives Fulbright award

Hoang-Anh Tran is the ninth UNCW student to receive a Fulbright scholarship. She received her Master of Fine Arts in creative writing in May.

Tran will use the scholarship to revisit her birthplace - Saigon, Vietnam - examine how it has changed and how she has changed. She will leave in August and return in May 2005. Upon her return, she plans to apply to a Ph.D. program in Asian-American studies, women's studies or religion.

Tran is writing a collection of poetry tentatively titled Broken Echelon. "The poems will have an emphasis on identity, language, family, religion and female voices. It's hard to categorize poems because it reduces and limits their scope. I want to communicate my ideas and experiences as well as those of other women," she said.

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working together

Community Task Force established

In response to emerging concerns over issues between students and Wilmington residents, UNCW Chancellor Rosemary DePaolo and Wilmington Mayor Spence Broadhurst have established a new community task force. This new entity will make recommendations to the university and the City Council on potential improvements of the shared responsibilities between students and the community.

"I believe students at UNCW who decide to live in the community should be responsible citizens and be held accountable for their actions. As chancellor, I am committed to making sure UNCW students are well aware of this expectation," DePaolo said.

"We recognize the neighbors' frustrations, and Chancellor DePaolo and I are committed to working together to find manageable solutions. During the past several months we have pulled together a good representation of government officials, university staff, professional organizations and citizens to take a comprehensive look at the quality of life issues facing property owners surrounding the university," Mayor Broadhurst declared.

Some issues on the task force agenda will include parking, housing density, late night parties, noise and litter. Attention will be focused on how the community can preserve a reasonable and acceptable quality of life for families while allowing students to maintain an acceptable quality of life as well.

The task force encourages community involvement and will hold meetings from 4 to 6 p.m. June 2, 16 and July 7 in the Madeline Suite.

Potter honored as NC Living Treasure

The third generation of artists from the Ben Owen family, a name that is synonymous with pottery in North Carolina, was awarded one of the state's highest honors for creative excellence.

Ben Owen III of Seagrove was named the 2004 North Carolina Living Treasure by UNCW.

His work has been featured in *Smithsonian* magazine, *The New York Times*, *Business Week* and is included in the collections of the Chrysler Museum of Art, the Ohio Craft Museum, the Mint Museum of Craft and Design and the Cameron Art Museum.

"I am honored and flattered that I was selected for this distinction in North Carolina," said Owen. "We have such a great state and many wonderful artists that make it so unique. The preservation of talents in North Carolina is a vital part of our society."

New vice chancellor for business affairs

Ronald J. Core is UNCW's new vice chancellor for business affairs. He served as vice president for business and finance at Georgia Southern University in Statesboro, Ga., since 1997 where he was principal advisor to the president for all financial and operational matters.

"I was especially impressed with Dr. Core's track record of seeking broad involvement from the campus community during the budgeting process and in administering daily business operations at his institutions," Chancellor Rosemary DePaolo said.

The vice chancellor for business affairs is responsible for supporting the university's teaching, research and public service mission by providing quality business and administrative services to the university community and managing UNCW's $160 million operating budget. UNCW is in the midst of the largest construction effort in its history.

"During my time at Georgia Southern, we completed over $190 million in construction and have another $75 million in the planning stages," Core said. "I am looking forward to working with UNCW's facilities staff, as well as the architects and contractors, to bring their projects in on-time and in-budget."

However, budgets and construction deadlines are not Core's only interests. "Not only are my wife, Nancy, and I attracted to UNCW, but also to the city of Wilmington and the surrounding area. It is rare to find such an excellent university situated in such a beautiful location."

The halls of UNCW classroom buildings were filled with non-traditianal students who participated in the annual College Day program that offered 45 one-hour, non-credit 'classes' for lifelong learners.

Midori Albert, associate professor of anthropology, gives College Day participants a close-up look at the human skull.

Caroline Heeks enjoys her class time during College Day.

college day

Betty Cameron, left, and Jeff Corbett of Progress Energy pose with Stephen Harper, center, who was named the Progress Energy/Betty Cameron Distinguished Professor of Entrepreneurship.

Faculty Honors

Stephen C. Harper

was selected as the first Progress Energy/Betty Cameron Distinguished Professor of Entrepreneurship at the UNCW Cameron School of Business.

With this professorship, the Cameron School of Business joins more than 40 universities, including some of the top business schools in the country, which have positions for distinguished professors of entrepreneurship.

"I am delighted to be selected," Harper said. He joined the faculty of UNCW in 1976 and is currently a professor of management. "The generosity of Progress Energy and Dan and Betty Cameron has made it possible for me to continue my career at UNCW. I am looking forward to being part of UNCW's future," he said.

"Because of Dr. Harper's very strong national reputation, it is quite probable that UNCW would have lost Steve to one of these other professorship opportunities had Progress Energy and Dan Cameron not combined to make our new distinguished professorship a reality," said Larry Clark, dean of the Cameron School of Business.

The endowed professorship will allow Dr. Harper to direct more attention to the field of entrepreneurship, the subject of his fifth book which is nearing completion.

"I will be increasing my teaching of entrepreneurship, leading emerging ventures and fostering entrepreneurial initiatives in established companies, and I plan to bring more entrepreneurs to campus to speak to our students and faculty. I am also developing a SWAT (Swift Advisory Team) program, which may be a joint effort by the Cameron School of Business and the Coastal Entrepreneurial Council," he said.

Harper acknowledged the significant contributions of the award's namesake, Betty Cameron. "Betty Cameron has been a leader - many times behind the scenes - in our community," he said.

Patricia Kelley

received the 2003 Association for Women Geoscientists Foundation Outstanding Educator Award at the annual meeting of the Geological Society of America. In addition to being a professor and past department chair at UNCW, she is a senior author of more than 30 refereed papers and is past president of the UNCW Paleontology Society.

Frank Ainsley

is one of 16 professors in the UNC system to be honored with the Board of Governors Award for Excellence in Teaching. He received a medallion and a $7,500 cash prize. He also received the 2003 North Carolina Educator of the Year from the North Carolina Geographical Society. The award recognizes an educator who has made significant contributions to the development of geographic education within the state of North Carolina. He received the 2003 H.H. Douglas Distinguished Service Award from the Pioneer America Society, an organization of geographers, historians and folk-life specialists who study material culture and vernacular landscapes.

John P. Bennett

professor in the Department of Health and Applied Human Sciences, received the American Alliance 2004 Honor Award for Health, Physical Education, Recreation and Dance. The award recognizes persons who exemplify the spirit of devoted service to one's profession and outstanding and noteworthy contributions to the advancement of health, physical education and dance. Bennett has had a 35-year career in health, physical education and dance at both the public school and university levels.

An influential distinguished

dean's tenure coming to an end

Dean Jo Ann Seiple poses with architectural renderings of the 110,000-square-foot fine arts center which will house six academic disciplines and include classrooms, seminar rooms, computer labs, rehearsal rooms, performance spaces and exhibit venues.

By Ian McNeil

UNCW's Dean of Arts and Sciences Jo Ann Seiple will complete her administrative responsibilities this year.

Seiple has been a prolific administrator since the beginning of her deanship in 1996. She has established five new departments – creative writing, film studies, computer science, environmental studies and social work, developed the Departments of Music and Art and Theatre following the division of the Department of Fine Arts, created community outreach programs and a magazine, recruited nine new department chairs and increased the involvement of women and minorities.

Seiple began her involvement with UNCW in 1979 as an associate professor of English and is quick to acknowledge that this year will be the end of her career as an administrator, not as a teacher. Seiple intends to conclude her career in education where it began, in the classroom.

"From the moment I first came here, as an associate English professor, I knew that UNCW was going to take off," she said. Seiple recalled how she felt UNCW's untapped potential seemed palpable to her.

"It was almost as if you could reach out and touch it," she said.

During her time as dean of the College of Arts and Sciences, Seiple has seized the opportunity to improve the programs in the college even though it was made more difficult at times because of budget cuts. She and her fellow faculty have made the best of what could have been a debilitating situation.

"I think other universities may not have fared as well as we have with our faculty. Our morale is good and the quality of education is continuing to get better because of the support UNCW gives to everyone, students and faculty," she said.

In response to declining resources Seiple created *UNCW College of Arts and Sciences* magazine and an annual, one-day community educational program, College Day. Seiple believes these attempts will inspire interest in the university and inspire future growth.

Seiple believes a critical part of UNCW's appeal is its competitive yet supportive environment for students and faculty alike.

"We try to recruit faculty to keep them for life," Seiple said. "Our focus is on education, not publishing."

At the beginning of Seiple's career as dean, Chancellor James Leutze asked her to articulate her philosophy about UNCW's development strategy. Would she encourage the College of Arts and Sciences to focus its resources and attention on one program, the jewel of the crown, or develop a diversified field of study?

Seiple told him she had higher aspirations for all of the programs in the college.

"I don't believe we have one weak link," Seiple said in reference to the programs offered in the college. "Every university has its crown jewel, and ours has been the marine biology program for some time. But, there is no excuse not to expect and encourage excellence from other programs as well."

A common thread in Dean Seiple's teaching and administrative experience has been a focus on projects that advance the learning of English skills, specifically writing. In an attempt to develop the potential and appeal of the English Department she created the B.F.A. and M.F.A. in Creative Writing. This established the creative writing field of study, independent from the English Department at UNCW.

"That decision did not make me a popular person at the time," Seiple admitted. "However, now, UNCW's Creative Writing Program is considered to be a competitive and selective program. We recently accepted approximately 13 applicants from a total of 250... I am very proud of that department," she said.

Jo Ann Massie Seiple received her B.S., with high honors, in journalism, Department of Communications, M.A. and Ed.D in English, Department of Literature and Languages from East Texas State University in Commerce, Texas. In addition to her experience with UNCW, she has taught and lectured high school, undergraduate and graduate level English courses in Texas, California and Indiana. A recipient of multiple educational honors including Teacher of the Year Award from Chula Vista High School in 1971, '72, '73 and '74, MLE Fellow from Harvard University in 1998, an invited participant at the ACE National Forum for Women Leaders, Office of Women in Higher Education, Washington, D.C. in 1998 and a nominee for the YWCA Women of Achievement in Education in spring 2004.

When asked about her departure from her administrative duties Seiple admits she will probably be a little teary. She has seen UNCW grow up since her arrival in 1979.

"It is nice to plant acorns and be around long enough to watch them grow into oaks," she said.

However, Seiple believes the time is just right for her departure.

"It is time for some new vision around here. I know we will find an energetic personality to replace me. It's time."

She is anxious to return to teaching and to a better schedule for her and her husband.

"He'll be happy to have his wife back," she said.

UNCW Athletic Hall of Fame
inducts three former student athletes

Three former student-athletes, a loyal benefactor and an athletic trainer were welcomed into the UNCW Athletic Hall of Fame during the group's fifth induction ceremony. There are 19 current members in the UNCW Athletic Hall of Fame, which was established in 1998. Inductions are held every two years to honor former student-athletes, coaches, administrators and others.

Jill Amos carved out an exemplary career in four seasons for the women's hoops team from 1981 to 1984. Amos, who becomes the first women's basketball player to join the Hall of Fame, made 105 career appearances for the Seahawks, scoring 1,718 points to rank second on the all-time scoring list. In addition to this achievement, she stands second in scoring average and field goals made, ninth in field goal percentage, sixth in assists and third in steals. Amos also excelled on the women's tennis team, the cross country team and graduated with a 3.4 overall grade point average.

Gene Borowski was a defensive force with the program from 1973 to 1976. He is the only All-American selection in the soccer program's history. The Maryland native made the NAIA All-District 29 Team three times. Borowski put together his finest season in 1975, collecting Team MVP, All-District, All-South and All-American honors. Borowski graduated from UNCW Magna Cum Laude with his bachelor's degree in biology in 1977 and graduated with high honors from the University of Maryland School of Pharmacy.

Dave Walff, Gearge Diab, Gene Borowski, Nancy Mamm, wife af the late Terry Middlesworth and Jill Amos are the 2004 UNCW Hall of Fame inductees.

Dave Wolff was one of the Seahawk basketball program's most popular big men from 1976 to 1979. Wolff posted some impressive numbers during his career with the Seahawks and remains among the program's leaders in several statistical categories. The Indianapolis, Ind., native graduated cum laude in 1979. Wolff was named Fourth-Team Academic All-American in 1979 and was included in Who's Who in American Colleges and Universities in 1978-79.

Few individuals have had more impact on the growth of the Seahawk athletics program than George Diab. Along with his consistent involvement in the Seahawk Club, the department's primary fund-raising organization, Diab can also be credited as one the club's five original members. Diab has served on the Seahawk Club Board of Directors for 30 years, including the office of president in 1987-88. He made a significant contribution toward the renovation of UNCW's sports medicine facility, which is named the George Diab Sports Medicine Center in his honor.

Terry Middleswarth, who touched the lives of many individuals in his 19-year tenure as UNCW's athletic trainer, was inducted posthumously. Middleswarth, who died in 1996, began his career at UNCW in 1977 following stints at UNC Chapel Hill, the University of Oklahoma and East Central State University. In addition to his many duties with the program, Middleswarth was heavily involved with the design and construction of the George Diab Sports Medicine Center. Middleswarth received the National Court of Honor's Medal of Merit for his role in saving a 14-year-old girl's life during a summer camp at UNCW in 1987.

Federal Programs surpass $10 million

The UNCW Office of Federal Programs surpassed the $10 million mark in federal and private funds following the January passage of the Omnibus Appropriations Bill by Congress.

The total, approximately $11.5 million includes six years of funding for the Mariculture Program, five years of funding for the Coastal Ocean Research and Monitoring Program (both programs started by the office), funds for two rural health centers in North Carolina, *Aquarius* undersea laboratory and funding for the Disaster Resistant University Program.

The office, established in late 1998, is mandated to identify and initiate programs of interest to UNCW and to represent the university in Washington, D.C., working with Congress to secure appropriated funds.

The office, directed by Robert Wicklund, has also formed a Joint Institute for Caribbean Studies involving four universities and has been working with the Department of Interior to establish a marine research and educational center in the Virgin Islands.

The Seahawk Gear Web site

The Department of Athletics announces the personalized Seahawk gear Web site. Seahawk fans can purchase apparel and various accessories, personalized to their liking. They can access the personalized gear Web site or the Seahawk Shop online at www.UNCWsports.com and follow the link at the top of the page.

A percentage of every purchase benefits the UNCW Athletic Scholarship Fund.

Seahawk gear can also be found at several national and local outlets, including the Seahawk Shop in the Trask Coliseum lobby.

Chancellor DePaolo chats with Mears Merrick Jr., housekeeping supervisor, at an early morning employee breakfast held during Installation Week.

These individuals were honored with a tree in the UNCW Leadership Grove to recognize their leadership on behalf of or as a member of the UNCW community.

Chancellor DePaolo braved the chilly temperatures to welcome Special Olympics participants to campus.

As Chancellor DePaolo and Graduate School Dean Robert Roer listen, alumni board chair Ray Cockrell '88, '96M speaks at a pre-installation reception hosted by the Cape Fear Alumni Chapter and the Graduate School at Wise Alumni House.

At a breakfast for faculty and staff who are alumni of UNCW, the chancellor received a check symbolizing the employees' desire to reach a 100 percent giving level by June 30.

Chancellor DePaolo talks with two students about a display set up for the Student Showcase.

Chancellor DePaolo poses for a photo with a group of students who assisted with arrangements during the dinner/lecture by Sen. George Mitchell.

Sen. George Mitchell and Chancellor DePaolo are joined by state Rep. R. Phillip Haire, left, and UNC President Molly Broad, right.

Ground was broken for the Almkuist-Nixon Sports Medicine Complex, next to Trask Coliseum.

Chancellor DePaolo chats with students during the "Commuter Coffee Break" at the Seahawk Perch.

Jervie Babson '53 presented Chancellor DePaolo with a handcrafted gavel during a luncheon hosted by the Wilmington College Alumni Chapter, the Order of Isaac Bear and Retired Faculty Association.

Chancellor DePaolo hosted a luncheon to thank university employees who worked hard to make her installation a success.

Regional engagement a top priority for DePaolo

From an economy weakened by the closing of textile mills to the diverse demands of a community that serves a large military base, Chancellor Rosemary DePaolo got a first hand look this spring at the counties that surround the University of North Carolina at Wilmington and is exploring ways to serve them better.

Informally dubbed the "procession to installation," the tour of four counties in March and April - Bladen, Duplin, Craven and Onslow - was the university's way of introducing its new chancellor to area public school, community college, government, civic and alumni leaders.

In Duplin County, Terry Coffey, a member of the UNCW Board of Trustees and president of Murphy-Brown LLC East, hosted the chancellor at Murphy-Brown's corporate headquarters in Warsaw. There she met with county business leaders, got an overview of Murphy-Brown operations and learned about the county's economy, quality of life and education opportunities from Ed Emory, director of the Duplin County Cooperative Extension Program.

Mary Wood, president of James Sprunt Community College, hosted a luncheon for approximately 50 individuals including county commissioners, community college board members, industry leaders and public school officials. Chancellor DePaolo discussed her vision for the university and her desire for increased regional outreach. She told the group she hopes to increase partnerships with area communities.

"How can we help promote the economy of the region, the quality of life," she asked. "This is something we have to actively pursue in a much more deliberate action."

The following day, Chancellor DePaolo visited Bladen County, a rural area impacted by the closure of textile mills and a poor economy.

Tom Simmons '71, principal of East Bladen High School, hosted a morning reception with the school superintendent and other public school officials; Dr. Darrell Page, president of Bladen Community College, hosted an informal social for college staff; and Hobby Greene '77 sponsored a luncheon at the Front Porch Restaurant for key government, education, business and alumni leaders.

On April 6, the chancellor spent a full day in Craven County, thanks to the generosity of Mickey Corcoran '70, a former member of the UNCW Board of Trustees. He gave the chancellor a guided tour of his company, Atlantic Beverage, and hosted an economic forum with key county business and government leaders.

DePaolo spoke at the Rotary Club meeting at the Nicolas Restaurant in New Bern; and President Scott Ralls hosted a meeting at Craven Community College, which like other colleges in southeastern North Carolina has an articulation agreement with UNCW. This allows students who complete a two-year associate's degree program to transfer to UNCW with junior status.

Eastern Carolina Yacht Club was the setting for a reception which drew 60 alumni from Craven, Jones and Pamlico counties, as well as community leaders.

In Onslow County, the chancellor addressed the Jacksonville South Rotary Club, met with public school officials and attended an economic forum at the Jacksonville/Onslow County Chamber of Commerce, held in conjunction with the Economic Development Commission and Coastal Carolina Community College.

UNCW has a very active presence in Onslow County, which is home to Camp Lejeune. In addition to programs that serve the Marines, the university is collaborating with local government to address environmental issues of the New River and is pursuing an aquaculture initiative in the Sturgeon City area. The Watson School of Education works closely with the public school system, through a variety of teacher-training programs.

That evening, area alumni gathered at the Jacksonville Country Club for a reception with the chancellor. That event was hosted by Virginia Baysden '72, Ron Choate '72, Bob Joos '79 and Sam O'Leary '83.

DePaolo mentioned the importance of regional engagement and outreach as one of her top priorities during each visit. She vowed to continue visits to these areas and other counties in southeastern North Carolina as UNCW develops plans to help the region prosper.

Chancellor DePaola speaks to a room full of alumni, UNCW parents, future students and friends at an event hosted by Mickey Carcaran '70 at the Eastern Carolina Yacht Club in Craven County.

Chancellor DePaolo greets a student at Bladen Community College who will be transferring to UNCW in the fall.

Chancellor DePaolo poses with Terry Coffey, member of the UNCW Board of Trustees, and Dr. Mary Wood, president of James Sprunt Community College.

Chancellor DePaolo is joined by the sponsors of the alumni gathering at Jacksonville Country Club. From left, Virginia Baysden '72, Sam O'Leary '83, Ron Choate '72, DePaolo and Bab Jaas '79.

Soaring to Greatness

Top left: A procession of flags represented the nationalities of UNCW students.

Top center: U.S. Marine Corps color guard presented the colors.

Top right: Chancellor DePaolo receives her medallion from UNC President Molly Broad.

Bottom right: A radiant Chancellor DePaolo stands before a crowd of 1,500 gathered for her installation.

Rosemary DePaolo, the third chancellor and sixth leader of UNCW took her oath of office April 16 before a crowd of approximately 1,500 gathered on the lawn of Hoggard Hall on a cloudless, spring morning.

The installation's ambitious theme, "Soaring to Greatness," - illustrated in the large "W" banner which served as a backdrop for the ceremony - was inspired by DePaolo's industrious aspirations for the University of North Carolina at Wilmington.

The celebration began with a flag processional representing the 36 countries of international students at UNCW and included a U.S. Marine Corps color guard from Camp Lejeune. A contingent of 45 delegates from colleges and universities from across the state and nation marched in the processional, along with UNCW faculty, staff and administrators.

The UNCW Wind Symphony, conducted by Chris Ackerman, performed the processional and recessional. The UNCW Concert Choir and Chamber Singers, conducted by Joe Hickman, performed the invocation and inaugural song.

Introductory speeches and greetings were delivered by Jeff D. Etheridge, chair of the UNCW Board of Trustees; Richard H. Moore, treasurer of the State of North Carolina; Hannah D. Gage, member of the University of North Carolina Board of Governors; Mary Adams, vice chair of the UNC Faculty Assembly; Daniel Noland, president of UNCW Faculty Senate; Karen Thompson, chair of UNCW Staff Advisory Council; Zachary Wynne, president of the UNCW Student Government Association; and D. Ray Cockrell, chair of the UNCW Alumni Association.

Molly Corbett Broad, University of North Carolina president, presided at the ceremony.

She recognized the extensive task before the chancellor, and UNCW's good fortune of having an accomplished leader in DePaolo.

"Chancellor DePaolo, we look to you today for the vision to carry UNC Wilmington into an even greater future. Your demonstrated leadership and your deep understanding of our mission and our purpose bring us to this moment in UNCW's history," she said.

Fred Chappell, former poet laureate of North Carolina, professor at University of North Carolina at Greensboro and a personal friend of the chancellor's, penned a poem, "Offices of the Day," for the occasion of the installation.

DePaolo's oath of office was delivered by the Honorable Ernest Berlin Fullwood, senior resident Superior Court judge, a member of the UNCW class of 1966 and one of UNCW's first African-American students.

President Broad presented DePaolo with a medallion especially created for her installation as chancellor.

The ceremony concluded with the tolling of the historic Isaac Bear bell six times in recognition of the university's six leaders.

A Conversation with Chancellor Rosemary DePaolo

UNCW Magazine invited Philip Gerard to talk one-on-one with Chancellor Rosemary DePaolo about her background, her convictions and her vision for the university. Gerard joined the faculty in 1989 and was instrumental in designing the Master of Fine Arts Program in the Creative Writing Department. His seven books include the novel Cape Fear Rising, *set in Wilmington amid the racial violence of 1898. He has won numerous teaching awards, including a Distinguished Teaching Professorship. The following is a distilled version of their conversation.*

By Philip Gerard

Having met our new chancellor, Rosemary DePaolo, on several previous occasions and participated in two of the open forums she conducted to help us all collectively figure out how we want to define UNCW, I looked forward to the chance to speak with her more privately. We talked in a comfortable room in the Chancellor's Office, one closed door away from the constant daily activity of running the university.

She immediately put me at ease with her warmth and candor, laughing easily and often. All the hoopla of the installation ceremony was now over. "Last week was so important because I looked out and I saw people beaming with pride about this great celebration of this university," she said. "It was so beautiful that day, people had worked so hard, the campus looked its very best. There was just something shiny and golden about the whole thing. That's inspiring to me."

Yet having waited nearly a year for the official swearing-in, she was aware of the lighter side. She related how a staff member had overheard a student's cell phone conversation in the video store: "Well, yeah, I'm going to the chancellor's installation," the student said, "I'm getting extra credit for it." And then went on to say, "I guess she's been on probation this year, but they finally decided to hire her."

Dr. DePaolo is a physically diminutive woman - she jokes about it - but exudes an undeniable presence, speaks with a quiet intensity about her role in UNCW's future - her passion obvious and genuine. She is not glib but rather eloquent, her convictions clearly the result of long reflection. She looks you in the eye and listens attentively - which may be the most important key to her success so far.

Dr. DePaolo: This is a dream for me - to have a school that has this incredible potential, that is in a community that I adore - I love Wilmington, living close to the water. When we lived in Cullowhee, which was the furthest I'd ever lived from the water, whenever things got stressful, I always said to my husband Fred, "I need sand under my toes. Now." And we'd drive for hours. Here, I can just go across the bridge. When something bad happens, or the governor says create a scenario for another three percent cut, knowing that I can take a walk on the beach at some point I think makes me a better chancellor. We'll go and walk four or five miles, and I'll notice that after the third mile, I start breathing differently. That's important. It's healthy. It feeds back into this job.

Gerard: What has been your biggest surprise since coming here?

Dr. DePaolo: It's a surprise all we do with as little money as we have - and the magic we accomplish. That has been a huge surprise. It's been a wonderful surprise how much people want to move forward. I was very worried that this would be a complacent environment. But people seemed really, truly ready to get there.

Gerard: Any unpleasant surprises?

Dr. DePaolo: I have to say I'm also surprised at how few of the alumni give to the university. From now on they'll be hearing from our students in the annual campaign, not from telemarketers in another state. Our students are our best ambassadors.

Gerard: The path to becoming a chancellor is a mystery to most faculty members. What in your own background - say, even before the academic part of your professional experience - prepared you best to be the leader of an institution of higher learning?

Dr. DePaolo: I've always said that what prepared me most to do this is that I spent my whole life reading (laughs). And when you read, first of all it gives you a love of different ideas. But it also makes you very comfortable with being alone. It helps to have the skills of liking people and liking relationships, because that's a lot of what you have to do. But on the other hand, you really are alone much of the time.

Gerard: Most of us, when we think of this job, we think of the people pulling you in all directions as you walk down the hall. Constantly surrounded. But you're saying it's actually lonely.

Dr. DePaolo: It's a combination of being surrounded by people and also being alone.

Philip Gerard, professor of creative writing, interviews Chancellor DePaolo in her Alderman Hall office.

Jeff Etheridge, chair of the UNCW Board of Trustees; Hannah Gage, member of the UNC Board of Governors; Molly Broad, president of the University of North Carolina; and Rosemary DePaolo, chancellor of UNCW, make their way through the crowd to the stage on Haggard Hall lawn.

Gerard: I always tell my creative writing students that if you're really going to get there you have to have the ability to spend a lot of time alone and like it. To be able to concentrate. And to be in an environment that feeds your soul. You're a scholar in 18th century literature. How do you go from 18th century literature to the chancellor's office?

Dr. DePaolo: I think a lifelong study of literature does prepare you. I realized pretty early on that I love all the different languages that happen at a university. And years ago, when I started directing an interdisciplinary humanities program, bringing art and music and literature and philosophy and all those people together for that program - that really excited me. I love hearing about the range of ideas, the range of the way people think across the university campus. I think that's what a university should be at least in part about. And that's what I've been hearing all year, that we don't have enough of that going on. Next year I would love to see if we can do that more.

Gerard: In some ways we've seen a very humble leadership style from you, going into big meetings and small meetings, again and again, listening, listening. Maybe you can talk a little about your philosophy of leadership, where it comes from and how it will apply here?

Dr. DePaolo: I guess I always thought that I was too short to succeed at being authoritarian (laughs). You used the word "humble." I never thought of it like that. I just think of it as, this is my job - to find out as much about what's going on as possible, to understand it as fully as possible. I certainly don't have all the answers. If I'm good at something I think it's getting people to participate. Getting people engaged.

The chancellor poses with members of her family who attended the installation ceremony.

Gerard: You know that faculty members, for all that the media paints us as the most liberal people on the planet, in fact are quite conservative as a group and don't like change of any kind. What are the secrets of dealing with that?

Dr. DePaolo: It's been a process, and I'm a huge believer in process. The first day I was here, people said, "What is your vision for UNCW?" That makes no sense. What I've been tremendously pleased at this year is the process that we've gone through. We spent all of the fall semester looking at the benchmarking data, having those open forums, everyone seeing those numbers - and the numbers were very compelling.

Gerard: Surprising.

Dr. DePaolo: Yes, surprising and compelling. The process revealed who we thought we were and who we really were. In some ways there were greater strengths; in other ways there were things that we had to work on. And then after that we just took everyone's comments, and those went back to the university planning council. That was a very representative group of faculty, administrators and staff, and everyone talked a lot. Again, it's still in its broadest stages. We've established the goals and objectives, and now we'll start working on very specific strategies and tying them into the budget; that will be the hardest part. Recently, the plan received endorsement by the Faculty Senate. So I don't think anyone that I've heard of is saying no, we should be something diametrically opposed to what the plan lays out. What I did get to some extent was: That's very ambitious. First of all, it's long-range - we're not going to achieve it in two years. Second, no one would say it's ambitious if we had the money. So as long as we can get the resources, that's all doable. And even beyond resources, we can accomplish these goals.

Gerard: I thought it was admirable and a little surprising to come right out and say, "Here are a couple of things we haven't done very well." Making our campus really international. And more diverse. Particularly because of Wilmington's own history with its African-American population. Many of the middle class blacks, the community leaders, were driven out at the turn of the century, then again in the 1970s with desegregation problems. It seems to me we owe a real debt to the African-American community in particular. And then there are all the issues about diversity in education, too. UNCW attracts a very small number of minority students.

Dr. DePaolo: When I was researching this university prior to coming here, I saw we have almost everything on the Web. That was the one figure that wasn't on the Web, for obvious reasons. We can do a lot, but the people who can do the most are our current students. It has to be word of mouth, finally. Students go where other students tell them "That's a good place." It's not just students from this region that we want, although that's important. But it's bright minority students from all over. From those urban areas from where we draw many of our students anyway.

Gerard: What do you do with the argument that, as SAT scores and our admissions standards have risen so dramatically, local students are no longer able to get into UNCW, that this is a regional university, so we need to be sure to set aside places for those people?

Dr. DePaolo: And we do. We actually have a fairly constant number of local students. If they're from Brunswick County or Columbus County or one of the other counties we serve, we factor that in.

Judge Ernest Fullwood '66 delivered the oath of office to Chancellor DePaolo with UNC President Molly Corbett Broad as a witness.

Gerard: Which brings up issues of growth - how big do we want to get?

Dr. DePaolo: I think we serve the state best if we stay mid-sized. Because there are so many bright students out there with different learning styles, and although there are bright students who will thrive in a place like NC State or Chapel Hill, there are so many who will not succeed on a campus of 30,000. What they need is what we're all about: the intensity of their interaction with the faculty, the engagement, the fact that they can't be anonymous here, that we know them, that this is a community. And I see us becoming the obvious, clear, equal quality alternative - at least equal- to those other places.

UNCW Chancellor Emeritus James R. Leutze congratulates his successor on her installation as Ray Cockrell, alumni board chair, looks on.

Gerard: You come to this job having done it before, as president of Georgia College & State University. What did you learn there that's going to be useful now?

Dr. DePaolo: That campuses, no matter how large they are, are filled with people. And those people want a sense of community, want to be part of a shared vision. We all have a need to be part of something larger than our individual selves. I've learned that people really want to do their best - that makes people happy. A university is filled with incredibly talented folks who choose to be in an environment where their talents can thrive and where we all help students develop. That's a special environment. We are a self-selected group of people. And we're not doing it for the money. That's not why people are here. These are people who are consumed by the ideas that shaped them very early on. And they're still motivated by those ideas. So you have to help create the kind of environment where that will continue.

Gerard: Well, let's talk about resources for a moment. You've spoken eloquently about your own experience of being formed by studying at public universities and of your absolute determination to make sure that same opportunity continues to be available at UNCW to any qualified student, regardless of socio-economic background. Yet the legislature has been systematically funding all public universities at a smaller and smaller percentage of their costs each year.

Dr. DePaolo: It's a huge question, and it's not unique to us - it's a nationwide problem. People, unfortunately, increasingly view higher education now as a private good rather than a public good. I think we still keep making the point that this is essential to sustaining democracy in our country. I see it in pretty stark terms: without an educated populace, you don't have the citizenry to make democracy work. Our founders knew that. Nothing's changed. We've been negligent in not making that case and in talking about higher education only in terms of getting great jobs. More locally, part of our issue is our historical under-funding. If we had $15 million more dollars a year, which is basically what the state agrees we deserve, just imagine what we could do!

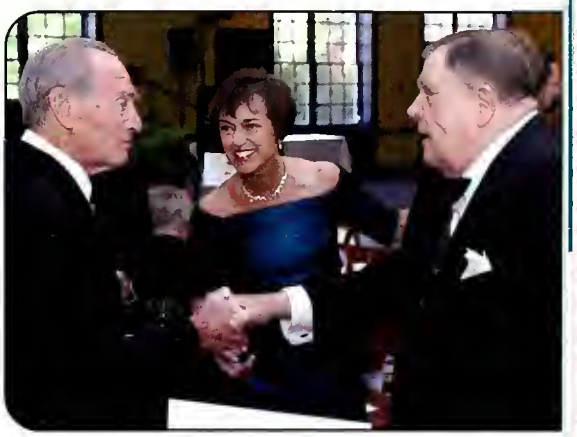
Gerard: What are the chances of reversing that?

Dr. DePaolo: I think we've already got great support on the Board of Governors. So I think it's possible. It's a dilemma because right now people see the issue in terms of who doesn't get the money if we do. I hope there's a way around seeing it that way.

Gerard: Faculty morale here seems to me very high, though in general there's a kind of honeymoon that's being worn out. I've been here 15 years now, and for about half of those years there was either no merit pay or so little as to be negligible. So you inherit a situation in which we're already losing some faculty, and you're always going to lose your best faculty, the ones with other opportunities.

Dr. DePaolo: I'm very optimistic that this year we'll get raises. I don't think it will be as much as we would all ideally like, but I believe that in this election year there will be raises. North Carolina is very proud of its university system, and we've been close to the top, but we're losing ground.

Gerard: Your inbox is full - we've got buildings going up everywhere, basic studies curriculum to be revamped, all sorts of student issues to address, all dependent on significant fundraising. What do you see as the most exciting opportunity - and what seems at first blush to constitute the challenge that seem most daunting?



Chancellor Rosemary DePaolo introduces her father, Nunzio DePaolo, to veteran actor Pat Hinkle at the Installation Ball.

Dr. DePaolo: I have no doubt that resources are going to be the most daunting, will consume the most of my time.

Gerard: How about opportunity?

Dr. DePaolo: That's just the general opportunity of where UNCW can go. I've been at a lot of universities, and I am hoping that after this year everyone understands: the sky's the limit for us.

Gerard: You're going to be bringing in a number of top administrators. What qualities are you personally looking for in those we hire, especially top administrators? What stamps them, tells you this is who needs to be at UNCW?

Dr. DePaolo: Above all, someone who is truly excited about us - us specifically. We're too good to bring in people who say, well, okay, I guess I'll do it. I want people who are very collegial, who have a broad sense of how a university works, who are sane.

Gerard: Did you say sane?

Dr. DePaolo: Yeah! (laughs) People who work well with other people, who are really team players. And who aren't just always fighting for their own turf. I'm looking for people who want to work with other people to help them to understand our focus on students.

Gerard: A generation or two from now, when people are looking back on your administration, what do you hope they'll say about your legacy as chancellor of UNCW?

Dr. DePaolo: That I helped energize this community to achieve its fullest potential.

UNCW alumni rank high for Peace Corps involvement

By Louisa Jonas

UNCW Alumna Crystal Faggart '02 took in the view at the summit of Mount Kilimanjaro only for a few moments.

The six-day trek took Faggart, now a Peace Corps volunteer in Tanzania, from tea fields and eucalyptus forests to glacier views and back again. The altitude and chill on the mountain's peak demand guests don't overstay their visit. The 15 students Faggart led up the mountain probably weren't complaining on their way down.

Faggart considers summiting Africa's tallest peak with her students one of her "secondary projects" as a Peace Corps volunteer. The former honors psychology major now works as a mathematics teacher in a rural secondary school in Tanzania's southern highlands.

"Getting to see these girls learn so much... and push themselves harder than they realized they could was an experience I know I'll never forget," said Faggart of the hike.

Faggart learned a similar lesson while completing her honors thesis at UNCW. "You can do more than you probably realize," said Faggart regarding her psychological research with Wilmington's homeless population. "Just keep pushing through the hard stuff, because you will make it through and accomplish your goal."

Faggart is not the only alumnus to apply lessons from UNCW abroad. This year 16 UNCW alumni are serving in the Peace Corps, an increase of over 33 percent from last year. This ranks UNCW 17th in the mid-Atlantic region with the most alumni currently serving as Peace Corps volunteers.

The alumni's academic disciplines are as diverse as the nations in which they now serve. Majors include: business administration, education, political science, social work, communication studies, nursing, geography, biology, and psychology. Alumni volunteers are working in Guatemala, Ukraine, the Dominican Republic, Panama, Bolivia, Fiji, Tanzania, Zambia, Honduras, Bulgaria and Samoa.

UNCW has always focused on instilling a sense of civic responsibility and leadership among students. This tradition may encourage an interest in the Peace Corps among new alumni.

UNCW students are encouraged to engage in regional and global issues both in and out of the classroom.

"Crystal encouraged a new type of research to inform health care professionals about the homeless," said Caroline Clements, Faggart's honors advisor. Faggart's honors thesis was presented at the American Psychological Society's Annual Convention in 2003. She also worked as a research assistant for Clements on psychological issues related to domestic violence. "Crystal was hardworking. She's aware of other people and just how lucky she is," said Clements.

"In the Peace Corps Crystal is trying to bring education to people with almost no resources," said Clements. She compared this challenge to that of encouraging homeless men and women to fill out psychological questionnaires when many had been out on the streets since 6 a.m. Many students in the Psychology Department are placed in the community through internship programs. "Serving the community is part of the ethic," said Clements.

UNCW's Center for Leadership Education and Service (CLES), where Faggart volunteered, is a hub for students who are interested in making a difference while on campus.

Faggart was involved in many CLES programs, among them the Graduation Pledge, where graduating seniors make a commitment to help shape a better citizenry and world.

Current Peace Corps volunteer Raven Davis '03 was also an enthusiastic participant in CLES as an undergraduate at UNCW. A social work major, Davis led Alternative Spring and Fall Break Trips, coordinated Hunger and Homelessness Awareness Week, and ultimately helped design an honors seminar, HIV/AIDS: Service Learning, a new alternative spring break trip for credit. CLES hired her to work as a student liaison with the Department of Social Work.

Davis

"Raven took advantage of every opportunity that led her to this path," said Becky Long, CLES Community Services Coordinator about the Peace Corps. "She educates herself about the issues. HIV/AIDS had always been a special interest of hers."

"The alternative break service trips really helped to convince me that I could make a two-year commitment and handle the challenges of service," said Davis who in early April was officially sworn into the Peace Corps in Luapula Province near Mansa in Zambia. She credits both the trips and her social work classes on HIV/AIDS with preparing her as she faces many issues of social justice in a community where HIV/AIDS is widespread. As a volunteer for the Community Action for Health Project, Davis works with rural health clinics to improve infrastructure and promote outreach to the community about health issues.

UNCW alumni commitment to service may continue to rise. According to Angela Moore, regional recruiter for the Peace Corps, student turnout for a recent informational event on campus about the Peace Corps was extremely high.

"It seems like service is a culture on campus," said Moore about UNCW. "That is definitely something we look for in a Peace Corps volunteer."

UNCW may help prepare students such as Faggart and Davis to travel to remote parts of the planet for service, but neither alumna has forgotten her alma mater.

"Both women are strong, capable people," said Shelly Hoover, director of CLES, who receives regular e-mails from Faggart and Davis. "We're proud of our students that would choose to go on to the Peace Corps. It's an outgrowth of what we do."

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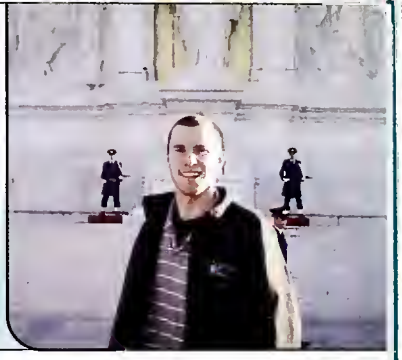
Peaceful Seahawks



Off the court, Brett Blizzard enjoys his time at the Monumento a Vittorio Emonule II in Rome.

Basketball players are making their way in Europe

By Kelli Matthews '04

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It was March 3, 2003, UNC Wilmington's men's basketball Senior Night at Trask Coliseum. A Seahawk fan held up a sign that read, "Ticket to the CAA Tournament: $15; Ticket to watch the Seahawks in the NCAA Tournament for the third time: $150; watching Brett and Craig play together for UNCW for the past four years: Priceless."

The sign foreshadowed what was to come, because the third Colonial Athletic Association Tournament in Richmond, Va., had not been played, and the Seahawks had not yet made it to the NCAA tournament for the third time. The fan was using the popular MasterCard slogan to express how much the duo would be missed.

Brett Blizzard and Craig Callahan are familiar and well-respected names for those who followed UNC Wilmington's men's basketball from 1999 to 2003. Blizzard, an honorable mention All-American guard, and Callahan, an All-CAA center, combined to play in 244 career games at UNCW. During the 2002-2003 campaign, they scored 53 percent of the Seahawk's total points.

As the fan's sign predicted, the two led UNCW to their second straight CAA crown in 2003 with a 15-3 regular season record. It marked the first time in 12 seasons that a team won back-to-back championships in the league.

Originally from Tallahassee, Fla., Blizzard came to the Port City to play basketball, where he averaged 21.1 points per game for UNCW. During his four-year career, he became the most decorated player in the history of the program. He holds or shares 24 school records.

When he graduated with a Bachelor of Arts in communication studies, Blizzard was tied for seventh in NCAA history for 3-pointers made by an NCAA Division I player with 371 treys. He also earned several honors, including CAA Player-of-the-Year twice, CAA Tournament MVP three times and First-Team All-CAA four times. He led the Seahawks to three NCAA bids, an NIT berth and a first-round upset of fourth-seeded Southern California in the 2002 NCAA Tournament.

Callahan, a Cascade, Iowa, native, graduated from UNCW with a Bachelor of Science in business management. He was responsible for grabbing 44 percent of the Seahawk's rebounds last season. As the only Seahawk in 2002-03 to record a double-double (double digits in scoring as well as rebounding), Callahan stood eighth in all time scoring for UNCW at the end of his career, with a total of 1,192 points in 119 career games. He was the last Seahawk to score more than 30 points during a game, with a career high of 34 points in UNCW's 73-58 victory over James Madison on Jan. 15, 2003.

So, where are these former Seahawks today?

They are making their way in the world, building careers in professional basketball overseas and dreaming about playing in the National Basketball Association.

Blizzard is playing for Jesi, located west of Rome and south of Pisa in Jesi, Italy. Callahan is playing for Mlekarna Kunin, located in the Czech Republic. Both have been overseas since August.

"There was no doubt after graduation that I wanted to continue playing basketball and achieving my dream of playing in the NBA," said Blizzard. "If going overseas for a few years is the way to go, then I don't mind." Both he and Callahan have an escape clause in their contracts that allows them to return to America if they have the opportunity to play in the NBA.

Blizzard was originally on the Siena, Italy, team which is in the Italian A1 league, the highest level. He was loaned to Jesi, an A2 league, for a year in hopes he would receive more playing time and gain experience with the style of basketball played in Europe, which differs in several ways from the style played in the United States. The 3-point line is farther overseas than it is in America, and the lane is shaped like a trapezoid. Another rule that is different overseas is that if the ball is rolling around on the rim a player can tip it off. In America, this is called goal tending and is illegal. The referees overseas also call traveling more often.

"The majority of traveling calls overseas would not be called as traveling in America," said Callahan. "You have to adjust to how the referees call things here. They let the big guys play very physically and use their forearm to push on the guy they are guarding." This environment makes it difficult for Callahan to play with his back to the basket, as he did in college. He has adjusted and adapted his game, and he now says he thinks he is a lot better player.

Blizzard changed his nationality to Italian-American to qualify for the Italian National team, which called him for two tryouts. If he makes the team, he will have a chance to play in the Olympics. As a part of changing his citizenship, Blizzard traveled to Florence for a military appointment, where doctors completed his physical. He is now eligible for the Italian Army, though there is a slim chance he will be drafted.

Coming off the bench to play an average 22 minutes for Jesi, Blizzard is collecting 11 points and two rebounds per game. He is shooting 48 percent from the 3-point line and an impressive 87 percent at the free throw line. Blizzard's most memorable experience playing overseas so far was when he scored 27 points during one game and also made six three pointers.

"I really felt like I was back in Trask Coliseum playing for UNCW," said Blizzard.

Playing for the first division of the Czech National Basketball League, Callahan leads the league in rebounding and ranks second

Blizzard speaks to a graup of elementary schaal students in Jesi.

Callahan shoots a free throw during a home game in the Czech Republic earlier this season.

in scoring. He is averaging 19.6 points, 9.9 rebounds, 1.6 assists and 2.0 steals per game for Mlekarna Kunin, which is tied for third place in the league. Callahan is shooting 57.3 percent from the field goal range, 36.5 percent from the three point range, 71 percent from the charity line, and is playing 28 minutes per game.

A typical day for Blizzard consists of waking up at 9 a.m., lifting weights or shooting basketballs, coming home to eat and nap, going to practice at 6 p.m., returning home around 8:30 p.m. then watching television and going to sleep. He socializes with teammates once or twice a week and is closer to his American teammates because they speak the same language and have things in common.

"It's the little things that are the hardest to communicate over here," Blizzard said, "such as trying to ask for extra sauce or asking for directions."

He handles most of these communication barriers by using hand gestures. One incident that stands out took place when his family came to visit him over Christmas. "My father was driving around Italy, not knowing where he was going, and got lost. The Italians were yelling at him in Italian and my father was yelling back in English. My sister and I were just laughing because no one could understand each other."

Callahan views his time in the Czech Republic as an adventure.

"It is nice to be close to many of the European countries," said Callahan. "My girlfriend (Lauren Hahn '02) and I spent Valentines Day weekend in Venice. It was nice to be able to fly there for the weekend." With another American on the same team, and a few more teammates and an assistant coach who can speak English, Callahan has not had a lot of trouble communicating with the people overseas. If he needs something, he speaks to his team manager, with whom he can communicate easily. He has learned to read menus in Czech and now knows where the different foods are in the grocery store.

Although both Blizzard and Callahan said they do not regret their decisions to play basketball overseas, they miss many different aspects about America, including their families.

The former teammates remain close and speak often to compare stories and keep each other updated on how their teams are performing. They attempted to see each other once, but the reunion did not work out because of their busy schedules. Both Blizzard and Callahan continue to follow Seahawk basketball. In fact, Blizzard listened to every UNCW game live over the Internet - with the time difference. A 7 p.m. game in Trask Coliseum aired at 1 a.m. in Jesi.

He misses playing for UNCW.

"Playing for the Seahawks was playing on a team where everyone was striving for one goal," said Blizzard. "Over here, the goals are all individual."

Even though Callahan enjoys playing with his new teammates in new surroundings, he too misses playing for UNCW.

"The most significant difference between playing for the Seahawks and for my team now is probably that I miss the camaraderie of the guys I played with at UNCW," said Callahan. "Being there for four years and getting to know the teammates, coaches and fans is something that I think will be irreplaceable."

Both Blizzard and Callahan plan to return to America in May or June, depending on how well their teams perform in the playoffs. Blizzard is conducting a summer basketball camp, "The Brett Blizzard Basketball Academy," June 21-24 in Wilmington.

"My ultimate goal is to play in the NBA," said Blizzard. "But for now, my goal is to get better as a basketball player and build a solid foundation outside of basketball to fall back on."

Callahan plans to live in Florida during the offseason and train for next year, whether that is in the Czech Republic or another country.

Playing overseas is an experience the two UNCW alums will always remember. They improved their basketball skills while playing for UNCW, and they continue to learn more about themselves and the game of basketball while overseas.

Although both Blizzard and Callahan now have new fans in Europe who hold signs for them, the memories they left behind in Wilmington still remain "priceless" for many Seahawk fans.

Kelli Matthews of Frederick, Md., graduated in May with a B.A. in communication studies. She spent the spring semester as an intern with the UNCW Sports Information Office.

Callahan goes far the ball at tip-off during a play-off game.

Curl lands job of his dreams at SeaWorld

Curl drove one of 30 "Shamu Cruiser's" from Orlanda to Wilmington for the Sandhills Regional Psychology Conference held at UNCW in March. Curl was a speaker at the conference and discussed his career as a whale trainer at Sea World.

By Rebecca D'Amico '04

As children we all dream about what we want to be when we grow up.

Whether it is firefighter, actor/actress, astronaut or professional athlete, few people hold on to these dreams and even fewer reach them.

This is not true, however, for Brendan Curl '00 who knew he wanted to work at Sea World as a child and worked toward this goal into adulthood. "I have always striven to do the best I can at anything I do" he said. "If you are not going to give it your all it is not worth doing."

Curl dreamed of working at Sea World ever since his visit there as a child when his mother and brother were selected to go on stage and he was left behind to watch. As a double major in marine biology and psychology and member of the UNCW swim team, Curl's dream would not be out of reach.

A Sea World whale trainer is a very competitive position and involves an intense training process once hired. Fortunately for Curl, he was well prepared by his education, athleticism and research. Curl said his education at UNCW contributed a great deal to his current profession. He graduated cum laude and earned departmental honors in psychology. His honor's thesis was on animal behavior, and he worked in the psychology behavior lab with UNCW professor Mark Galizio.

UNCW alum Brendan Curl '00 is on the job in the pool with one of the killer whales he trains at Sea World.

"Brendan was one of the most gifted students I have ever taught," Galizio said. "His senior honors thesis was one of the strongest and most original pieces of scientific work that I have seen performed by an undergraduate student."

Curl was prepared for the rigorous physical tests and training through his participation in UNCW athletics. He was on both the swim team and track and field team and achieved honors in both. He was a CAA finalist in the 100- and 200-yard breaststroke for three straight years and was a CAA champion in the pole vault in 1997 and 1999. He held school records in both swimming and pole vaulting. These accomplishments and others earned him the Chancellor's Cup Award in 2000.

Curl further prepared for his dream job by researching Sea World's selection process. While interviewing for a similar position at Sea World San Diego, Curl met a Sea World Orlando employee who suggested he apply in Orlando. By working with this employee, he gained more knowledge on the process and was better prepared for the interview. All of Curl's preparations were obviously successful, as he landed a job working with dolphins at Discovery Cove, a Sea World park. In 2001, he was promoted to killer whale trainer in Shamu Stadium at Sea World Orlando.

In this position Curl has many duties, some are more glamorous than others, but to Curl all are valuable and rewarding.

His day starts at 6 a.m. with the whales' meal preparation. It takes two to three hours to prepare the 1,000 pounds of fish eaten by these whales each day.

Although each day is different for Curl, they usually include live shows, play times, animal exercise, learning sessions and husbandry training. As exciting as these tasks sound, there are less appealing duties such as cleaning tanks, decks, buckets, fish, etc.

Curl loves all aspects of his job, from cleaning to live shows; it is all important to his success with the animals.

"I go to work with a smile on my face everyday, and I can't think of anything better than that," he said.

His favorite part of the day, however, is the live show.

"Being in the water with the animals is impossible to describe," he said. "No two shows are the same, which makes it very exciting."

The audience also contributes to the show and makes his career even more satisfying.

"Little kids at Sea World look up to trainers, and it is gratifying to be a role model," he said. "Also I am able to educate guests about these amazing creatures and why it is important to look after our planet and keep it a wonderful place for future generations to experience, in that regard it is a very rewarding career."

No matter what Curl is doing the most important part of his job is to know the animals. This is for his safety as well as the animals' safety and comfort.

"The art of training is knowing how and when to reinforce the animals and being able to make that decision in a split second because sometimes that is all you have," he said.

Curl returned to UNCW for the 2004 Sandhills Regional Psychology Conference where he spoke on the real world applications of behavioral theory. Curl was recruited for the conference by UNCW psychology professor Len Lecci due to the high profile and applications of Curl's career.

"His lecture was very successful and generated a lot of interest," Lecci commented. According to Lecci, faculty members were also excited to see Curl's success. "It is always wonderful to see students take what they have learned, use it and apply it to their career."

Rebecca D'Amico of Northfield, Vt., graduated in May with a B.A. in communication studies and psychology. She spent the spring semester as an intern in the UNCW Office of University Relations.

Giving Matters

UNCW parent endows scholarship

J.K. Horne

John Kenneth (J.K.) Horne Jr., a member of the UNCW Parent Development Council, has endowed the J.K. Horne Family Merit Scholarship to assist high-achieving undergraduate students. Horne's son, John Kenneth III, is a freshman at UNCW, and a member of the Learning Communities Program and Kappa Alpha Fraternity.

Horne said his son's positive experience at UNCW motivated him to become more involved with the university as a volunteer and as a donor.

"I am involved with UNCW because the people, staff and students are so open and helpful," he said. "It's a friendly, warm campus that challenges students to enhance their educational opportunities to the fullest."

Through the Horne family scholarship, Horne hopes to assist more students in taking advantage of those opportunities.

The scholarship is being created to financially assist an incoming freshman student of proven academic and leadership ability, who has completed high school in North Carolina. The Office of Admissions will choose the recipients, and it is expected that the first award will be available for the 2005-06 academic year. Recipients will be known as J.K. Horne Family Merit Scholars.

In the meantime, Horne has also agreed to fund an annual scholarship for the 2004-05 academic year to give an incoming freshman the ability to receive an education at UNCW.

Horne, who grew up in eastern North Carolina and resides in Raleigh, is an ordained minister of the United Methodist Church and has served as regional director of the Governor's Council on Developmental Disabilities, a regional mental retardation specialist and a regional director with the Division of Mental Health, Developmental Disabilities and Substance Abuse.

After working for 18 years in the public sector, Horne now is the sole owner and president of Alpha Omega Health Inc., which has offices in Wilmington and across North Carolina. Alpha Omega provides a vast array of services in the homecare, behavioral health and residential care areas. J.K. III was the first consumer of home care services provided by Alpha Omega Health.

Horne foresees his support of UNCW continuing well into the future. "We have been involved with UNCW for such a short time," he said. "However, it is easy to feel at home there. I am proud of the university and all the people that make it such a great educational institution and learning environment."

Love of university, athletics brings Diab recognition

When George Diab was inducted into the UNCW Athletic Hall of Fame earlier this year, it wasn't for athletic achievement, although he did play high school baseball and went on to play in a semi-pro league.

Diab was inducted for something that has had a much longer-lasting effect on UNCW: his volunteerism and philanthropy. Because, as much as Diab loves college athletics, he loves the institution of UNCW even more.

"When I first came to Wilmington in 1971, it didn't take long to realize that one of the most important facilities we have here is UNCW," Diab said. "It's as important as any corporation in town, maybe more so. A university does great things for a community of this size, including economic impact, cultural programs and, of course, athletics, which brings the community together."

Although Diab graduated from Ohio University, he has adopted UNCW as a second alma mater. One of the five original members of the Seahawk Club, the primary fund-raising organization for UNCW athletics, Diab held the group's first campaign kickoff in his home. He also helped establish the first scholarship pledge to the program through his affiliation with WWAY-TV. Under Diab's direction, WWAY also created the first men's basketball coach's show on local television.

An active volunteer in the Seahawk Club, Diab has served on the board of directors for 30 years and served as club president in 1987-88. He and his wife, Kitty, are consistent donors to the Seahawk Club and other areas of the university and made a significant contribution toward the renovation of UNCW's sports medicine facility, which is named the George Diab Sports Medicine Center in his honor.

The Diabs are members of UNCW's Anchor Society, which honors lifetime donors to the university.

"George loves this university and will do anything to help us," said Mike Capaccio, executive director of the Seahawk Club. "Every time I see him, he says 'I need to do more for UNCW.' And when George supports you, it gives you great credibility in the community because he is so well-respected."

George and Kitty Diab's son, Steve Diab, is continuing the family tradition in supporting UNCW. A Wilmington attorney who is currently serving as chairman of the UNCW Foundation Board, Steve also contributes to the Seahawk Club and other areas of the university, including a scholarship endowment in his parents' names.

"UNCW is important to our family," said George Diab. "I can't imagine Wilmington without the university and the impact that it has on the entire area. And now it has a new chancellor who has really hit the ground running and is going to take UNCW to yet another level. It plays an important role in just about everything that happens in the region and I enjoy being a part of that."

While many donors contribute direct gifts to UNCW of cash, stocks or real property, others choose the option of planned or deferred giving. This is an excellent option for donors who wish to make a substantial gift to UNCW but feel they cannot afford to give up the annual income produced by their assets.

Planned or deferred gifts, which may take the form of a bequest through a will, IRA, trust, annuity or gift of life insurance, offer several ways to help donors contribute to UNCW while retaining an income for their lifetime or the lifetime of others they wish to care for.

While the benefits vary, these arrangements offer several attractive features, which may include an income for life paid to the donor or another beneficiary, such as the donor's spouse; an immediate federal income tax deduction of a portion of the gift's value; and elimination of the capital gains tax at the time of transfer, if the asset is in the form of securities or real estate that have appreciated in value.

Planned giving provides options for donors

Here are descriptions of several types of planned gifts that generate income to the donor and the differences between them:

Charitable Gift Annuity

A charitable gift annuity allows a donor to make a gift and receive income for life. Upon the death of the donor's designated beneficiaries, who may also receive income for life from the annuity, the remaining funds become available to UNCW to support a named endowment for the purpose of the donor's choice.

Charitable Remainder Trust

Through a charitable remainder trust, a donor receives income for the term of the trust, and the university receives the trust's remainder value. A charitable remainder trust provides a variable payment and can be considered as a possible hedge against inflation.

Charitable Lead Trust

A charitable lead trust is essentially the reverse of a charitable remainder trust. Rather than receiving the trust's remainder value, UNCW receives the trust's income for a specified period. At the end of this period, the property either reverts to the donor or to a beneficiary designated by the donor. Established during a donor's lifetime or through a will, charitable lead trusts are best for donors who can forego the income generated by the property for the period of the trust's existence.

By informing the university of their planned gifts in advance, donors can ensure that their gifts will be used as they intend and also provide the opportunity for UNCW to recognize their generous support. Each year, the UNCW Foundation Board hosts an event to recognize and thank members of the E.L. White Society, which honors donors who have established planned gifts in the amount of $25,000 or greater.

For more information about planned giving opportunities, please contact Ty Rowell in university advancement at 910.962.3751 or rowellt@uncw.edu.

Last December, the UNCW Foundation Board recognized members of the university's E.L. White Planned Giving Society by hosting the second annual reception at Wise Alumni House in their honor. Members of the E.L. White Society have informed the university of their intent to invest in UNCW's future through planned or deferred giving arrangements in amounts of $25,000 or greater. Deferred gifts may take the form of a bequest through a will, trust, annuity or gift of life insurance. Above, members of the E.L. White Society chat with members of the Foundation Board at the reception. At right, Chancellor Rosemary DePaolo, center, with E.L. White Society members Steve and Margaret Diab. Steve Diab is also chairman of the Foundation Board.

Increase your support through matching gifts

Matching gifts are an important source of funds for educational institutions. More than 1,000 companies support higher education and encourage philanthropy among their employees through programs that match an employee's contribution to a charitable organization.

Many programs will match gifts made by employees' spouses, retired employees and those serving on the company's board of directors, in addition to those made by current employees. This is a great way to maximize the potential of your gift to UNCW.

For more information about how to take advantage of matching gift opportunities, or to find out if your company offers a matching gift program, call university advancement at 910.962.3751 or toll-free at 888.468.6291 and ask for advancement services, or you can visit http://www.matchinggifts.com/UNCW.

You could double or even triple your gift to UNCW.

Alumni News

Alumni Awards

Joseph L. King III '66 and Louise Floyd Gorham '59 were the recipients of the UNCW Alumni Association's annual awards recognizing individuals who have made significant contributions to UNCW and to the community.

King received the 2004 Distinguished Alumnus Award, and Gorham received the 2004 Distinguished Citizen for Service to the Community and University Award.

A magna cum laude graduate of Wilmington College, King served as a captain in the U.S. Air Force where he received a USAF Commendation Medal for Meritorious Service. After receiving his M.B.A. from Harvard University in 1972, he went to work for Ford Motor Company in Detroit. Until his retirement in 2001, King held key positions at Ford which included education and training manager for Ford Automotive Operations and communications manager for Ford Worldwide Marketing.

Louise Gorham and Joseph King received alumni honors.

Even though King spent many years away from Wilmington, he still managed to dedicate six years to the UNCW Foundation Board of Directors. To fulfill his commitment, he has made the trip to UNCW from Detroit for 22 of 24 scheduled quarterly meetings. In 1998 he received the Razor Walker Award for Distinguished Service from the Watson School of Education. He also personally sponsors four annual scholarships located in both the School of Nursing and the Cameron School of Business.

A 1959 graduate of Wilmington College and Wake Forest alumna, Gorham personifies service with generosity and grace. She has guided the recent transformation of the Wise Alumni House by assisting in the selection of furniture, accessories and special décor which add elegance and create a warm and inviting atmosphere. Gorham is also very active in her church and in the community. As a member of St. Andrew's Covenant Presbyterian, she has served as president of Woman of the Church and was awarded honorary membership in 2002. She helped to found the Domestic Violence Shelter and Services and is a past board chair. She also helped to organize Vintage Values, which is a resale shop supporting the Domestic Violence Shelter and Services.

Chancellor Rosemary DePaola congratulates Jason Wheeler on his award.

Wheeler named Young Alumnus

Jason Wheeler '99, '03M was named the 2004 UNCW Young Alumnus of the Year during Homecoming festivities.

The award, given by the UNCW Alumni Association, recognizes alumni who graduated in the past 10 years for outstanding service to the university and community.

"Jason has been extremely active with the alumni association in the short period of time he has been associated with the board," said Tom Lamont, former assistant director of alumni relations. "He's extremely committed to the Cameron School of Business, especially with the M.B.A program." Lamont also noted that Wheeler has a high energy level that has had a positive impact on other alumni.

Wheeler serves on the UNCW Alumni Association Board of Directors and is active on the alumni development, student relations and finance committees. He is a financial advisor with Morgan Stanley in Wilmington.

Cockrell

Alumni support is critical as university moves forward

What an exciting time to be a part of UNCW!

I know, I say this every time you hear from me, but I feel the excitement, and it grows each time I have the opportunity to share with you.

The students we are admitting are the best in their high school classes, current students are active and involved and UNCW alumni are the best ever. The only thing more exciting than the positive happenings at UNCW is the tremendous potential for additional growth and improvement. We are moving from good to great!

So what is this alumni thing all about? It is about supporting and giving back to an institution that has given us so much. Yes, we paid tuition, we paid a lot for books and there was a cost to attending - but how can you put a price tag on the quality education we received? What is the value of the bonds formed with faculty members and university staff and the friendships and relationships that still thrive today? UNCW gave its all while we were students, and it is now our responsibility to give something back to our university.

Now, more than ever, financial support of the university, and specifically of the alumni association, is critically important. In the face of recent state budget cuts we are working hard to maintain our current level of programs and services offered to alumni and students. At the same time we must meet the challenges and growing expectations from the university community and administration. Our goal is to increase alumni giving to 16 percent by 2008. Our immediate goal is to be at 10 percent by June 30.

We need your help to reach as many alumni as possible to encourage them to work toward this important goal. And if you have not made your contribution this year, please utilize the enclosed envelope to send your support.

The leadership of your alumni association has begun the process of strategic planning for the future of our organization. As Chancellor DePaolo unveils her vision and direction for UNCW's future, we want to ensure we are in line with the university's goals and mission.

Several planning sessions revealed an enthusiasm for the process, some innovative ideas for the future and a focus on specific action plans to reach our goals. If my history serves me (better than when I was a student), the alumni association was the first annual giving program of the university. Over the last few years, the association has been more active in striving to unify and involve rather than focusing on raising financial support for the university. We are now coming full circle, and it is time now for alumni to step up, take responsibility and take action to support UNCW. We can make a difference!

About nine years ago, I was asked enthusiastically to get involved with the UNCW Alumni Association. Little did I know at that time the tremendous responsibility, challenge and reward that involvement would bring. I have come to know the real meaning of commitment, loyalty and spirit from those who give their all to support their alma mater.

As of June 30, I will step down as chair of the association. Allow me to say thank you to those whom I have had the pleasure of serving with on the board of directors. I assure you I have been the beneficiary of being involved with this great group of alumni. And a personal thank you to the alumni relations staff. Even though there have been some recent changes, they are the glue that holds the association together and keeps us running on the right path.

With alumni spirit,

Ray Cockrell '88 + '96M

Bob King '66 presents the keys to the Seahawk Beetle to Melanie Trexler '83, a Wilmington CPA. She was the winner of the UNCW Alumni Association merit scholarship fund-raiser, which brought in approximately $42,200. The scholarship is named for King, who donated the vehicle. Also pictured is Trexler's daughter, Jessica.

As part of its 25th anniversary celebration, the Cameron School of Business recognized five alumni for their contributions to their communities and businesses. Dean Larry Clark called them "great individuals who are also great achievers." They are Joseph L. King III '66, retired Ford Motar Company executive; Becky O'Daniell '86, president of Atlantic Quest Corporatian; Malcolm Coley '86, '89M, a partner with Ernst & Young; Christopher Hegele '76, a partner with Intersouth Venture Capital and chairman of the board of Biolex; and Margaret Barclay '87, a broker with Figure Eight Realty.

Vosnock to lead alumni board

Ed Vosnock '71 succeeds Ray Cockrell '88, '96M as chair of the UNCW Alumni Association, effective July 1.

His executive board is made up of Donis Noe Smith '86, '94M, vice chairman; Morgan Harris McKoy '99, secretary; and Jason Wheeler '99, '03, treasurer.

Board members re-elected to serve three-year terms are Vosnock, Cockrell, McKoy and Smith, as well as Mike Wilson '89M. Robert Warren '74, who was an alternate board member serving a one-year term was elected to the core board. James Jones '02M was elected to fulfill the term of McGavock Edwards '96 who has resigned from the board. His term of office will end in 2005.

Patrick Gunn '00, Trudy Maus '91, Gayle Hayes Lofton '89 and Audrey Porter '88 were re-elected as alternates, serving a one-year term. New alternate board members are Laura Medlin '93, Kelly Stevens '84 and Dr. Amy Caison '96.

Individuals retiring from board service are Gia Todd Long '91, Joanie Martin '91 and Robert Rideout '95.

Smith

Help us experience the power of alumni

Kipling stated in his *Law of the Jungle*, "For the strength of the pack is the wolf and the strength of the wolf is the pack."

The power to improve and sustain the educational experience of today's student body requires increased involvement of alumni. The strength of one graduate or former student's gift assists UNCW in numerous ways.

Our alma mater's outstanding reputation both in the classroom and the athletic arena reaps benefits for our graduates and non-degreed alumni. Employers recognize what a degree from UNCW represents today.

Chancellor DePaolo continues to touch the hearts and minds of our alumni with her sincere request for increased alumni support. She knows the power of alumni. We know what we can do with your aid. Help our alumni association reflect - through your personal contributions - the strength of our Seahawk flock.

Join me, the Office of Alumni Relations and the UNCW Alumni Association as we strive to demonstrate the powerful force that we can be.

Our presence at university events shows our pride in the many wonderful opportunities that our university offers. Our generosity with annual fund gifts can support any area of interest that you choose. Our talents and work ethic share with the world what our degree has done for us.

Pledge to be a stronger Seahawk for the flock. UNCW will become stronger because of your intentions.

With alumni spirit,

Patricia Corcoran Smith '72

Systems upgrade brings increased services to alumni

In 2003, UNCW launched a major five-year project to upgrade the university's administrative computer database systems.

The project, dubbed Nautilus, will convert UNCW's old system, which has separate databases for financial records, student information, alumni and development and human resources, and has been in use since 1985, to a new integrated, campus-wide system that will allow all of these functions to utilize one centralized database called SCT Banner.

"Although much of the Banner system will be transparent to our alumni and donors, it will increase our efficiency and effectiveness in maintaining alumni biographical and address records and processing pledges, gifts and receipts. In addition, shortly after we implement Banner, we will be launching some new Web-based services that will allow our alumni to log into the system themselves for a variety of purposes," said Mary Gornto, vice chancellor for university advancement.

Using the new system, alumni will be able to:

- Search for former classmates
- Make online donations
- View and post online class notes
- Update online biographical information

University Advancement, of which the Alumni Relations Office is a part, is scheduled to go "live" with the new Banner system in July.

When this happens, the university will implement some new standards for how data is maintained and updated campus-wide. These changes will affect alumni in the following ways:

- University Advancement will adopt current student information policies regarding name change updates.
- A "legal" name for each alumnus will be maintained in the database and used as that individual's primary name for almost all interactions with the university. This is the name that will appear on the individual's official transcript.
- All changes to this name will need to be verified with a legal document before a change can be made in the UNCW system.

The process of verifying legal names can be accomplished in one of two ways:

- Behind the scenes, using a variety of online databases available to academic institutions, which will eliminate inconvenience for alumni.
- In some cases, it may be necessary to request a copy of a driver's license or other legal document to verify the name change.

In both cases, once the system is updated, the copy of the driver's license or printout from the online database will be forwarded to the Registrar's Office and stored in the individual's confidential student information file.

All alumni are asked to help their alma mater keep in touch with them by making sure their contact information is up-to-date in the university database. Name or address changes and other updated information can be submitted using the envelope in this magazine. If necessary, alumni should please include a photocopy of their driver's license to verify their legal name.

The *Seahawk Spotlight* keeps you informed
about university and alumni association news and events.

This monthly electronic newsletter is sent via e-mail and is available on the Web at www.uncw.edu/alumni/seahawk_spotlight. A new edition comes out the 15th of every month.

If you would like to subscribe, please send an e-mail to spotlight@uncw.edu and write "subscribe to newsletter" in the subject line; include your name, address and class year in the body of the message.

Crews Award honors faculty who made a difference

The alumni association is accepting nominations for the 2004 J. Marshall Crews Distinguished Faculty Award, recognizing UNCW faculty who have made a difference in the lives of their students. The deadline for nominations is June 30.

The award will be presented at the first fall faculty meeting. It is named for Dr. J. Marshall Crews, who served the college and university for over 33 years, and continues to support UNCW in numerous ways.

Nominees must be/or have been a full-time faculty member with a minimum of seven years of service to Wilmington College and/or UNCW. The recipient will receive a $500 cash award and a medallion.

Nomination forms can be downloaded in PDF format at www.uncw.edu/alumni and can be sent to the Alumni Relations Office at Wise Alumni House, 1713 Market Street, Wilmington NC 28403. For more information, please call 910.962.2682 or 800.596.2880.

AAGA

The African American Graduate Association co-sponsored with ACE a Greek Stepshow Homecoming weekend with proceeds benefiting the Doug Johnson Memorial Scholarship. Following the show, Ronald Hamm '91, along with Andy Anderson and Gary McCray, entertained, bringing back memories of the school jams in Room 100 of the old student union. AAGA's January board meeting was a jumpstart for new ideas for the chapter for 2004. The homecoming luncheon was sensational and featured Chancellor Rosemary DePaolo as guest speaker and musical selections by the UNCW Gospel Choir. AAGA members also enjoyed a halftime social in Trask Coliseum during the men's homecoming basketball game against Delaware. The board of directors met again March 20 in Greensboro where they made plans for city-to-city socials in Wilmington and Raleigh and laid the groundwork for the June 11-13 retreat in Wilmington. AAGA President Karen Jenkins Cheek '89 also participated in the Senior Sankofa ceremony May 7 at Wise Alumni House when AAGA presented a medallion to all graduating African-American students. Contact: Karen Jenkins Cheek '89 at 919.718.6639 or karen_cheek@unc.edu.

Chancellor Rosemary DePaolo, far left, joined members of AAGA for their Homecaming luncheon.

Atlanta Chapter

The Atlanta Alumni Chapter sponsored a social at Frankie's Sports Bar and Grill on Feb. 21. The chapter also supported the UNCW baseball team when it played the Georgia Bulldogs March 13 in Athens, Ga. A small group of alumni gathered before the game for a tailgate party before cheering for their Seahawks. The association thanks Todd Olesiuk '99 for his willingness to start the Atlanta chapter with Laura Medlin '93. Todd is leaving Atlanta to return to Wilmington. Contact: Laura Medlin '93 at lauramedlinlaw@aol.com.

Cameron School of Business Chapter

The Cameron School of Business Alumni Chapter took a leading role in the 25th anniversary of the university's business school. While supporting the normal Business Week activities March 25-26 with participating alumni, the chapter also sponsored the Cameron 25th Anniversary Day March 27. The day began with a Kiddie Korral in front of Cameron Hall that included a crafts workshop, face painting, relay games, a magic show and a K-9 demonstration for alumni and their families. The chapter provided alumni with short seminars in Cameron Hall on topics that included Information Systems-Critical Incident Scenario, Small Business Planning, Bull Market Investing, End of Life Decisions, Wireless Systems for Home and Business, College Funding, The Changing Nature of Work and The Next 25 Years. The morning ended with a hot dog lunch at 1979 prices. The chapter closed out the full day of activities with a "Caribbean Getaway" dinner/dance featuring the Schoolboys band at the Blockade Runner Hotel and Resort. Contact: Melissa Blackburn Walton '87 at 910.799.9496 or mmwalton@bellsouth.net.

Regan Dumos '97, '98M and her husband Chris, an assaciate professor in the Cameran School of Business, were dressed for the occasian when the school celebrated its 25th anniversary during a Caribbean Getaway party.

Cape Fear Chapter

The Cape Fear Alumni Chapter, with support from the UNCW Graduate School and other sponsors and donors, hosted a social for Chancellor Rosemary DePaolo April 14 at Wise Alumni House. The social was one of many special events prior to the chancellor's installation ceremony. Alumni from throughout the Cape Fear region were invited. The chapter also held its fifth annual Grand Slam Jam May 21 during the men's baseball game with Old Dominion. Cape Fear alumni enjoyed a pregame cookout at Brooks Field including hamburgers and hotdogs and all the fixin's. Contact: Jodi Chilcote '98, kingfishin@aol.com.

Charlotte Alumni Chapter

The Charlotte Alumni Chapter held several after-hours alumni gatherings this spring, and plans are being made for an alumni and friends family picnic in the summer. All Charlotte area alumni are encouraged to participate in chapter activities. Contact: Sandy Saburn '89 at 704.643.0616 or ssaburn@yahoo.com.

Chapter News

Corey Riggs '00, Kristen Trutt '99, Jessica Dixon '03, Bo Money '00, Debbie Cardomone '01 and Patrick Whitman '03 tolked with communication studies students about their careers and gave them odvice on job hunting and life after college.

Communication Studies Chapter

The chapter partnered with the UNCW Department of Communication Studies to present Communication Studies Day 2004 on March 19. Billed as a "young alumni homecoming," the day featured panels of guest alumni who summarized their graduate study and professional pursuits since earning their B.A. degrees in communication studies, described their current positions and responsibilities and noted how their academic background prepared them for their endeavors since graduation. Participants included: Debbie Cardamone '01, pursuing an M.A. in Communication Studies at UNC Greensboro; Jessica Dixon '03, educational coordinator for psychCME in Durham; Dale Kane '03, purchasing analyst with Hughes Supply Company in Wilmington; Adonica Long '03, pursuing an M.S. in Instructional Technology at UNCW; Bo Maney '00, construction sales representative for Maddux Supply Company in Charlotte; Heather Murdock '01, pursuing an M.A. in Communication Studies at UNC Greensboro and part-time instructor in the UNCW Department of Communication Studies; Corey Riggs '00, mortgage banker with Bank of America in Southport; Kyle Silver '96, executive director of Arch Street, The Greenwich (Conn.) Teen Center Inc.; Kristen Trutt '04, wireless sales specialist with Sprint PCS and relief staff counselor with Coastal Horizons Center; Daniel G. Turner '02, realtor with Century 21 Sweyer & Associates; Evan Vetter '02, director of E*Media at Port City Community Church; and Patrick Whitman '03, graduate student in the Watson School of Education and Cape Fear Soccer Association assistant referee assignor. A luncheon at Wagoner Hall offered a nostalgic opportunity for alumni, students, faculty and staff to catch up on one another's activities and achievements. The day concluded with a reception in Leutze Hall. Contact: Aaron Oliver '81 at 910.392.4236 or aaron284@bellsouth.net.

Earth Sciences Chapter

Continuing to pick up momentum, the chapter sponsored an open house for alumni and a tour of the Earth Sciences Department April 3 during the Azalea Festival and then continued to bond during a luncheon. The chapter has already heard from many earth sciences alumni who are interested in getting involved with the chapter and supporting the department. Contact: Kristen Dougherty at 910.509.2885 or doc@ec.rr.com.

Richmond Chapter

The Richmond Coliseum lounge was the site where Richmond/Virginia area UNCW alumni gathered along with many other "road trip" Seahawk alumni who annually make the trek to the CAA Men's Basketball Tournament. Sam Mintz '02, chapter representative, was eager to take business cards and hand scratched notes with news of fellow alumni interested in getting together for future events in the Richmond area. Seahawk themed door prizes were given away along with alumni spirit tokens and keepsakes. Among those who attended and assisted Sam were Harry Augustine '78, Krista Hardison '02, Brent Kannady '82 and John Kannady '90. Contact: Sam Mintz '02 at smintz@scottstringfellow.com.

Sam Mintz '02 and Pat Smith '72 greeted alumni and friends who traveled to Richmond to support the Seahawks during the CAA tournament.

Triangle Chapter

The chapter's leadership is excited about the group's new direction and the opportunity to connect more Triangle alumni to the university. The chapter now meets at 7 p.m. the second Tuesday of every month. For more information please e-mail triangleseahawks@nc.rr.com. The chapter held its annual Durham Bulls Minor League Baseball event at the ballpark May 2 when the Bulls took on the Richmond Braves. The event gave Triangle alumni an opportunity to bring their families out for an evening of fun, food and fellowship. The chapter, which will hold elections for officers in June, has established membership and special event committees to engage more alumni volunteers. The chapter is also planning a Wing Fling for late summer or early fall. Contact: Bekki Bennett '91 at 919.362.7152 or Bekki@Exec-Events.com.

Watson School of Education Chapter

Linda Harrelson '82 was the featured speaker at the chapter's annual alumni lecture Feb. 17. Her topic was helping students improve their behavior through self-management. Harrelson is the educational trainer for the New Hanover County School Professional Development Department. She is a National Board Certified teacher and was named to *USA Todoy's* fifth annual All USA Teacher Team. The chapter is taking a leading role in encouraging all Watson School of Education alumni to make a donation to support the school's new building, which will house the N.C. Teachers Legacy Hall. Janis Norris '81 is heading up the chapter's fund-raising committee. Contact: Ann Grose '90 at 910.392.4520 or ann_grose@hotmail.com.

Wilmington College Chapter

Chapter members celebrated the placement and dedication of the Wilmington College historical marker on Dec. 17. The green and gold historical marker was erected at the college's original 13th and Market Street site. Under the Wilmington College seal, the sign reads "Founded in 1947 by New Hanover County. The forerunner of UNC Wilmington operated until 1961 in Isaac Bear Elementary School, which stood 75 feet south." Jim Medlin '52 led the charge for the marker along with J. Marshall Crews, professor emeritus. The process for acquiring the marker took two years as chapter and association leaders traveled to Raleigh to make an appeal when the initial request was denied by the N.C. Department of Cultural Resources. The marker was denied again despite resolutions of support from the UNCW Board of Trustees, UNCW Alumni Association, New Hanover County Commissioners, Wilmington City Council, New Hanover County Board of Education, Greater Wilmington Chamber of Commerce and representatives of local and state delegations. In the end, Bill Dobo '51 and Bob Dobo '50 stepped forward to make the marker a reality.
Contact: Jim Medlin '52 at 910.791.5259.

Young Alumni Council

The Young Alumni Council sponsored its third annual homecoming party Jan. 23 at the Center Stage Cafe. Sarah Cain '99 chaired the committee that organized the event, and the alumni association thanks her for her hard work in making it a successful event. Highlighting the evening was the announcement of Jason Wheeler '99, '03M as Young Alumnus of the Year. The award recognizes alumni who graduated in the past 10 years for outstanding service to the university and community.
Contact: Tom Gale '98 at 910.383.6830 or ducal@bigfoot.com.

Other Chapters

Alumni looking for information on other UNCW alumni chapters should contact the following:

Crew Club - Curt Browder '92, william.browder@ace-ina.com

Greenville Chapter - Paula Bass '83, PaulaBass@cox.net

MALS Chapter - Joanie D. Martin '91, bus2bus@bizec.rr.com

New York/New Jersey Chapter - Joan Clifford '86, cliff582@optonline.net

Tennessee Chapter - Amanda Cannady '97, amanda_cannady@hotmail.com or John Faill '80, jfaill@comcast.net

School of Nursing Chapter and Charleston Chapter - Office of Alumni Relations, 910.952.2682 or alumni@uncw.edu

Triad Chapter - Justin Treadway '02, 336.923.2775 or jtreadway6@yahoo.com

Chancellor Rosemary DePaolo joined members of the Wilmington College Chapter for the unveiling of the historical marker on Market Street. Pictured with her are Professor Emeritus J. Marshall Crews, Bob Dobo '50, Bill Dobo '51 and Jim Medlin '52.

Help UNCW keep in touch with you!

UNCW has begun the process of storing and updating "legal" names in preparation for the migration to its new database program, SCT Banner. Please assist us by taking a moment to do the following:

- Check your name on the mailing label on the back of this magazine to verify that it is your current legal name.
- If this is not your current legal name, please use the enclosed envelope to send verification of your legal name (a photocopy of your current driver's license) to UNCW Advancement Services.
- You can also use the envelope to send any other updated information, such as a new address, phone number or e-mail address.

Thank you for your assistance. By verifying that UNCW has your correct name and address, you can ensure that you continue to receive *UNCW Magazine* and other mailings and updates from your alma mater on a regular basis.

Shawn Jensen, ALIVE's founder, conducts business in Iraq at one of Saddam Hussein's desks.

UNCW alums keep hope ALIVE

By Ian McNeil

Sgt. Shawn Jensen '00 and James Hills '01 befriended one another in an English class at UNCW while pursuing their undergraduate degrees.

They had a lot in common, but they had no idea that a short time after earning their degrees they would launch a nonprofit organization, ALIVE (Americans Liberate Iraq Volunteer to Educate). The nonprofit organization aims to improve the conditions and learning opportunities for children in Iraq's neglected schools. Eventually, they hope this will improve relations and understanding between Iraqi and U.S. citizens.

Sgt. Jensen provided the initial momentum that created ALIVE. He was inspired to join the U.S. Army after the Sept. 11 attacks. He has served in Iraq since the spring of 2003. During his time there, he and his fellow soldiers were alarmed and dismayed by the conditions of schools in Baghdad. Jensen noticed individual U.S. soldiers were giving school supplies to Iraqi children in an attempt to better their horrible learning conditions.

Pictured here are Iraqi school children in East Baghdad who will attend the first school to receive funding from ALIVE Inc.

Jensen's grandmother, author Margaret Jensen, gave a copy of a letter he wrote to the mother of U.S. Sen. Elizabeth Dole. The letter outlined Jensen's concerns about Iraq's schools and his desire to improve the situation. It was eventually passed to Sen. Dole, and she read excerpts of it on the Senate floor. Her husband, former U.S. Sen. Bob Dole, was inspired by Jensen's concerns and assisted him by offering free legal advice from his Atlanta law firm which enabled the first step of Jensen's vision to be actualized. ALIVE was founded and substantiated as a legitimate nonprofit organization.

ALIVE is currently attempting to raise funds for its start-up budget. The new nonprofit will focus its efforts on improving the safety and resources for 100 schools around Baghdad. Another priority of ALIVE is to establish interactions between American and Iraqi schoolchildren via the World Wide Web.

Both Jensen and Hills credit UNCW for providing them with insight and inspiration into the importance of education.

"I know that my experiences in studying history certainly influenced my understanding for the importance of education in cultural development," Hills acknowledged. Hills is ALIVE's director of media relations.

"Outside of the classroom, I wrote for the *Seahawk*, and I also helped promote the conservative leadership group, Anchor. Both of these experiences gave me skills that I use today both in my job and with ALIVE."

"All my management and small business experience was an influential factor in the creation of ALIVE. Especially, the international business section of the strategic management business class my senior year," Jensen recollected. "The networking I learned by being involved in extracurricular activities that the business school invited me to attend, outside training and especially the guest speakers...(were) instrumental."

Additional information about ALIVE can be obtained at its Web site www.4alive.org or by calling 866.752.5483 or 910.793.5757.

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Simmons

Tom Simmons '71 was named the 2004 North Carolina Association of Educators Teacher of the Year. Simmons is principal of West Bladen High School and member of the board of directors for Boys and Girls Home of North Carolina. He is pursuing a doctoral degree in education leadership from East Carolina University.

W.R. (Bob) Page III '73 was recognized as the 2003 "Underwriter of the Year" by the Wilmington Association of Insurance and Financial Advisors. He also qualified for the "2003 Million Dollar Round Table" for the fifth year.

Anderson

Fil Anderson '74 has written a book titled, *Running on Empty: Contemplative Spirituality for Overachievers*. The book was published by WaterBrook, a division of Random House. It was released on Feb. 17.

Tyson

State Court of Appeals Judge John M. Tyson '75 is a candidate for the North Carolina Supreme Court. In May he received a master's degree judicial process from the University of Virginia Law School. He and his wife, Kirby '77, have three sons and a daughter.

Greta Lint '79, winner of five awards from the N.C. Association of Convention and Visitors Bureaus, has started her own company, Greta Anita Lint Promotional Consulting in Asheboro. She develops press releases, media plans, media kits, itineraries and brochures for attractions, special events, venues and other businesses.

80s

Tom Lamont '80 left his position as assistant director of alumni relations at UNCW in March and is now the director of planned giving and major gifts at the Boys and Girls Home of North Carolina Inc.

William Phillip "Phil" Heitman '80 is a captain with Mesa Airlines (a regional commuter jet service which contracts with USAirways), based in Philadelphia. He is the author of two books: *Flying and Learning: Basics for Every Pilot (1997) and Music's Broken Wings: Fifty Years of Aviation Accidents in the Music Industry* (2003). Phil owns Dreamflyer Publications (www.dreamflyer.com) and resides in Durham.

George Robitaille '80 is project manager for the Army's Standardized Unexploded Ordnance (UXO) Technology Demonstration Sites Program. The program was awarded the Department of Defense's Strategic Environmental Research and Development Program Project of the Year Award in the UXO category. The Standardized UXO Technology Demonstration Site Program is a multi-agency program spearheaded by the U.S. Army Environmental Center at Aberdeen Proving Ground, Md. Additional information about the project can be found at http://www.uxotestsites.org.

Marine Corps Reserve Col. Jeffrey D. Cole '81 was promoted to his current rank while serving with Marine Corps Security Battalion, Fort Meade, Md., based on sustained superior job performance and proficiency in his designated specialty.

Diane Perkins Keenan '83 was promoted to advertising director of the Wilmington *Star-News*. She also serves as secretary of the Wilmington-Cape Fear Home Builders Association and is a member of the Wilmington Regional Association of Realtors.

Orlando Newkirk '83 is executive director of Pastors Inc. in Charleston, S.C., a nonprofit organization that helps revitalize the renewal community. Representing more than 70 churches in eight denominations, the organization is working to develop affordable housing in the Charleston peninsula area. Orlando resides in Charleston with his family.

Katy O'Neill '88M was named Teacher of the Year at Southport Elementary School where she is an art instructor. She was featured in an article in the March 3 edition of *The State Port Pilot*.

Ray Cockrell '88,' 96M is the director of marketing at Byrnes Services, a company founded by fellow alumnus John Byrnes '93. Cockrell is chairman of the UNCW Alumni Association Board of Directors.

90s

Leigh Kapiko '90, '96M is the principal of South Topsail Elementary School. She has three children, Aaron, Rachel and Grayson. She was featured in the Careers section of the Dec. 14, 2003, edition of the Wilmington *Star-News*.

Gerald Spruill '91 is an assistant district attorney in Halifax County. He resides in Roanoke Rapids, N.C.

Elliot Wurtzel '91 of Raleigh is suffering from chronic kidney disease and is in need of a kidney transplant. The 58-year-old has O positive blood type. Interested donors can contact him directly at 919.877.9865 or Duke Medical Center to make arrangements.

Bricker

Christine A. Bricker '92 was elected a partner in the Bricker & Eckler law firm where she is a member of the firm's real estate and political subdivisions and governmental agencies industry groups. Her practice focuses on commercial real estate law and she frequently represents financial institutions, developers and school districts.

Melissa Kristin Jackson '95 is the artist coordinator for the Honolulu Symphony where she executes contracts, books travel, fulfills the requirements of the artists' special requests and assists the music director and pops conductor in arranging their itineraries and engagements. She was featured in a Honolulu *Star-Bulletin* business story.

Seth Robbins '95 is the assistant general manager for Oak Island Accommodations. His wife, Melaney Marshall Robbins '96, is the marketing officer for this family-owned company. Paige Marshall Brown '93 is the firm's accounting office. The Robbins reside on Oak Island with their daughter, Sydney Renae, who was born on Oct. 25, 2003.

Bryan Oesterreich '97, '99M had two stories published in the March 2004 issue of *Our State* magazine, "Rigs to Rhetoric" and "Port of Call." "Rigs to Rhetoric" chronicles the journey from his 20-year career as a transfer truck driver with a GED to his time spent at UNCW earning bachelor's and master's degrees, graduating magna cum laude and summa cum laude, respectively, and pursuing his dream of being a teacher. He is now an English instructor at both Beaufort Community College in Washington, N.C., and East Carolina University. A frequent contributor to *Our State* magazine, Bryan anticipates having eight more stories published this year. He is on tap to be the spring 2004 commencement speaker at Robeson Community College. He and his wife, Christine, reside in Washington. You can read Bryan's stories online at www.beaufort.cc.nc.us/news/BryanO.htm.

00s

Antony

Trent Antony '02 appears on *Amelia*, the new "smooth rock" album by Via Cora. He co-produced the album with Colorado musician, Wayne McGraw. Trent performed and programmed the drum and percussion elements found on the CD and wrote the sparse lyrics on the album's feature piece. The album was picked up by an independent record label, Cyclorama Records, and is available worldwide via online distribution.

Slingsby

Shauna N. Slingsby '03M was selected as a National Sea Grant's Dean John A. Knauss Marine Policy Fellow for 2004 and is spending the year working as the coral reef program officer in the NOAA-Fisheries Office of Habitat Conservation, Ecosystem Assessment Division. She was one of four North Carolina students chosen to learn about federal policy-making which impacts ocean, coastal and Great Lakes resources. Prior to her fellowship she was a biology instructor at UNCW and Brunswick Community College; she is continuing research for the Coastal Ocean Research and Monitoring Program at UNCW.

Navy Seaman Jason E. Lee '03 completed eight weeks of U.S. Navy basic training at Recruit Training Command, Great Lakes, Ill.

weddings

Pamela D. Oliver '86 and Will P. Thornton '87 on Oct. 12, 2003. Pamela is an aftercare specialist officer with the United States Probation Office, and Will is a custom homebuilder in the Southport area. The couple resides in Wilmington.

Christopher S. Luther '97 and Shanna N. Goodwin '98 on Nov. 8, 2003. Shanna is employed by New Hanover Regional Medical Center. Christopher, who earned a Master of Science degree in kinesiology from the University of Kentucky, is the team sales manager of Boseman Team Sports. The couple lives in Wilmington.

Van Wyke Gunter III '97 and Erica Davis on March 13, 2004. He is employed by Central Carolina Bank; Erica is pursuing a master's degree in public administration at UNCW.

Alumnotes

Lisa M. Eakins '02M and John H. Newton on Oct. 26, 2003. Lisa is employed by Republic Services Inc. The couple resides in Wilmington.

Emily S. English '00 and Andrew K. Ross on Oct. 18, 2003. Emily, who earned a doctor of pharmacy degree from Campbell University, is employed as a pharmacy manager by Wilson Family Pharmacies at Faison Pharmacy. The couple lives in Roseboro.

Melissa L. Wetsig '03 and David G. Phillippi on Dec. 13, 2003. Melissa is a financial services representative with First Citizens Bank and Trust Co. The couple resides in Wilmington.

births

To Shannon (Ashley) Williams Griffin '93 and her husband Chuck, a son, Liam Avery Dennis, on Sept. 10, 2003. Ashley is a directress at the Montessori School of Winston-Salem.

Carpenter

To Hugh E. Carpenter '92 and his wife Toni Cribbs Carpenter '93, a daughter, Mary Catherine, on June 8, 2003. Hugh works in sales for IBM in Research Triangle Park. Toni is a stay-at-home mother. The couple also has a son, Jacob, 4.

Allocca

To Kaitlyn Allocco '97M and Gloster Aaron, a son, William Thomas Allocco, on June 21, 2003. Kate is an adjunct professor in the History Department at John Jay, CUNY. She defended her dissertation on medieval history at the University of Texas at Austin in April. The family resides in New York City.

To Amy Ingold Grove '89 and her husband John, a daughter, Ellie Pennington, on April 16, 2003. Amy is a homemaker and resides in Greensboro with her family. The couple also has a son, Jack, 4.

To Amy Corsmeier Petrucci '96 and her husband Charles, a daughter, Erica Elizabeth, on Nov. 2, 2003. The couple also has a son, Alan Charles. Amy is a quality assurance supervisor for LabCorp Clinical Trials Information Systems. The family resides in Youngsville.

Leeper

D. Neal Leeper '95 and his wife Jennifer, a daughter, Virginia Greysen, on Nov. 5, 2003.

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deaths

James Buffkin of Leland, on Jan. 20, 2004.

friends

Derick G. S. Davis of Wilmington died on Feb. 2, 2004. He retired from UNCW in 1991 as professor emeritus, and during his tenure was instrumental in developing the parks and recreation curriculum and guiding it through the accreditation process by the National Recreation Association.

Col. Glenn R. Long, USMC (retired) of Wilmington died on Dec. 13, 2003. He taught in the UNCW Math Department for 17 years.

Sallie Carr Southerland Birmingham of Wilmington died on Dec. 16, 2003. She was a member of the Wilmington College Board of Trustees.

Brad Land book earns national attention

Land

After reading some passages from his memoir, *Goat*, to a crowded room at Bristol Books, UNCW alum Brad Land fielded questions from the audience.

A woman near the front row wanted to know how he became a writer and if he considered himself one before he entered the M.F.A. Creative Writing program at UNCW.

"I knew I wanted to create something," he said with a pause. "I just didn't know what."

The thesis for his M.F.A. in creative nonfiction became that creation. A shocking story of fraternity hazing, random acts of violence and the bewildering after effects of the trauma, *Goat* has garnered national attention for Land and UNCW.

Land received his M.F.A. from UNCW in 2002. He was a fellow at the MacDowell Colony from November through December 2003 and a nonfiction editor of the *Third Coast* at Western Michigan University, where he also studied writing. *Goat* has taken him on an extensive two-month national book tour, which started in Columbia, S.C., in February and ended in Ann Arbor, Mich., on March 24.

The tour came through Wilmington in March and, in addition to the appearance at Bristol Books, Land also read at UNCW's Cameron Auditorium. His appearance at UNCW was popular among students who lined up to meet the author and have their books signed after the reading.

Land attributes his interest in UNCW's M.F.A. Creative Writing program to a reading he attended by UNCW Creative writing professor Philip Gerard. Land also credits other UNCW creative writing professors for inspiring him.

"The whole (creative writing) department is nothing but amazingly talented people. Sarah Messer's work and guidance was extremely important to me. Wendy Brenner and Rebecca Lee are geniuses," Land told *The Seahawk*.

Land is rumored to be close to finishing his next effort, a novel about a punk rock romance. His editor, Lee Boudreaux, has high expectations for Land's future. "This is the first book in what's going to be a very interesting career."

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20-26	UNCW Summer Jazz Workshop*
22	Summer Session I Term Ends
28	Summer Session II Classes Begin
30	Last Day to Make a Gift to UNCW

July

5	Independence Day Holiday UNCW Offices Closed
23	Foundation Board 11 a.m. Center for Marine Science
27	Past Chairs' Council Wise Alumni House
29	Summer Session II Term Ends
29-30	Board of Trustees Meetings

August

6	University Summer Office Hours End
6-7	Alumni Board Orientation/Retreat
11	Academic Year Begins
14	Freshman Move-In
17	Fall Faculty Meeting
18	Classes Begin

September

6	Labor Day University Offices Closed
23	North Carolina Symphony * 8 p.m. Kenan Auditorium
25	Got-Em-On Scholarship Golf Tournament * 12:30 p.m. Cape Golf & Racquet Club
25	Wilmington Symphony Orchestra * 8 p.m. Kenan Auditorium

October

7-10	Fall Break
26	Past Chairs' Council
28-29	UNCW Board of Trustees Meetings
29	North Carolina Symphony * 8 p.m. Kenan Auditorium

November

6	Alumni Board of Directors Meeting
25-28	Thanksgiving Holiday Break UNCW Offices Closed
30	Alumni Award Nominations Deadline

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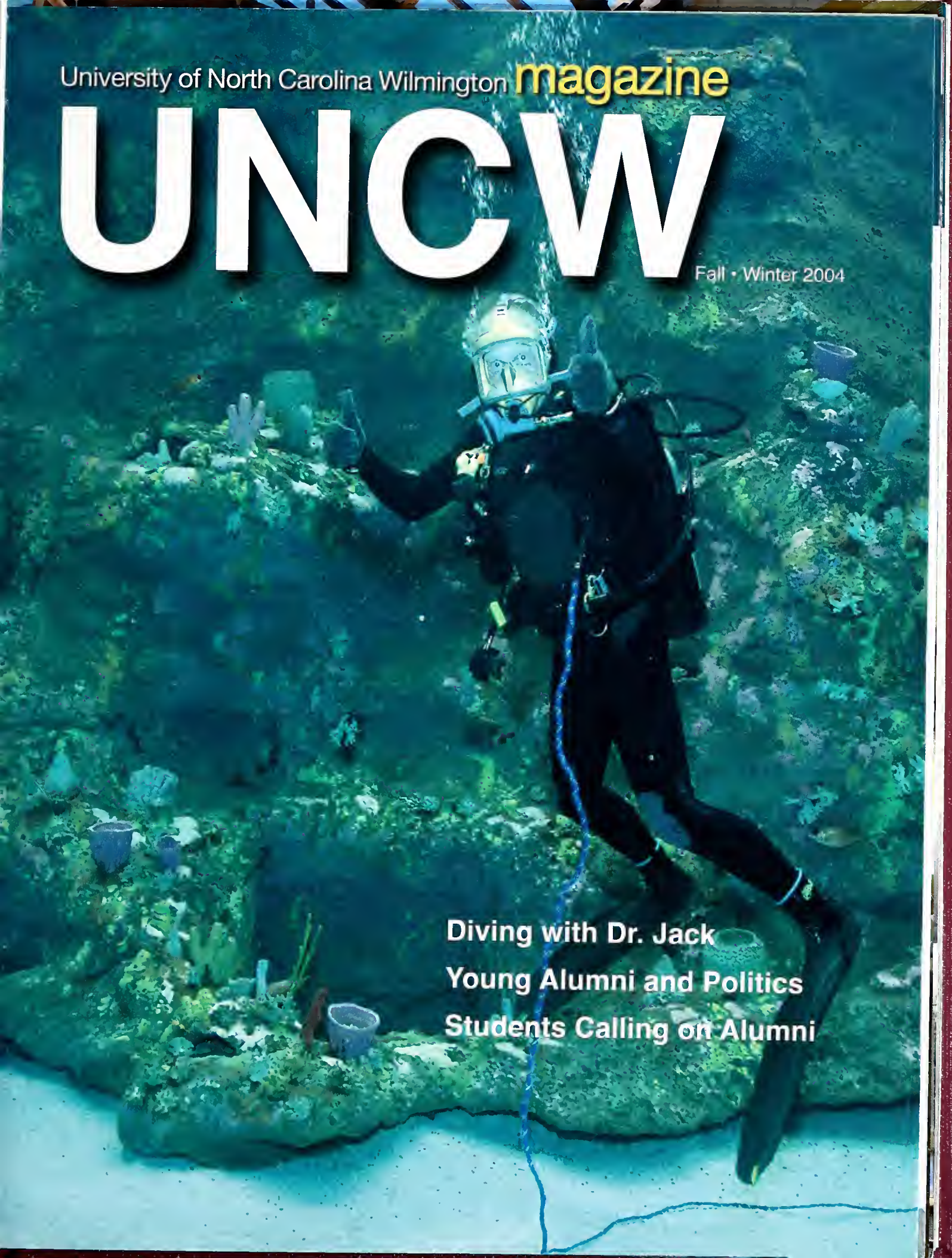

Diving with Dr. Jack

Young Alumni and Politics

Students Calling on Alumni

Dear

Alumni and Friends,

When fall semester began in August, over 11,000 UNCW students arrived to invigorate our campus. Their vitality is especially poignant this year as our university continues to mourn the loss of two promising young female students last spring as a result of violent crimes. We cannot bring them back, but with the help of two campus task forces, we honor them by educating our entire campus community about personal safety, abusive relationships and violence prevention. I am profoundly determined that UNCW learn from these tragedies and work towards providing students, faculty and staff the safest possible campus environment to enable intellectual, personal and professional growth.

I want everyone to experience the excitement on our campus, and that has led me to seek ways to communicate more fully and effectively about the tremendous work being done by our faculty, students and alumni on a regular basis. You will notice that this issue of *UNCW Magazine* is in full color and has three feature stories: one about Jack Hall, chair of the Department of Environmental Studies, another about some of our young alumni and their roles in politics and the last one by Philip Gerard, professor of creative writing, who led a group of alumni and friends on an adventurous Alaskan cruise. Future issues of this publication will have more features about our students, faculty and alumni and will be produced at least three times a year.

Why is this important? You need to know that high school students throughout North Carolina and beyond are listing us as their "first choice" when seeking a university. In fact, this year alone we had more than 9,600 applications for an incoming freshman class just over 1,900. We recently hosted 1,700 interested parents and potential students for next fall's freshman class at an open house visit one Saturday afternoon. It is no coincidence that *U.S.News & World Report* has ranked UNCW among the top 10 public regional undergraduate universities in the South for the seventh consecutive year.

Our highly talented and dedicated faculty and staff make UNCW an incredible place to be. Parents and students know it; and I want you, our UNCW alumni and friends to share in our good news as well. You can help UNCW continue achieving excellence by making a contribution to the university. We need your financial support for merit scholarships, faculty and student research, study abroad opportunities and much more.

I welcome your comments on ways we can continue to make UNCW truly great. Please feel free to e-mail me at chancellor@uncw.edu or return to campus for a visit and stop by my office in Alderman Hall. I hope you enjoy the magazine.

All the best,

Rosemary DePaolo

Chancellor

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Jack Hall gives the thumbs-up sign from inside the Cape Fear Shoals tank at the North Carolina Aquarium at Fort Fisher. Hall, chair of the Environmental Studies Department at UNCW, volunteers at the aquarium and does the 2:30 p.m. Thursday dive show, talking to visitors from inside the 200,000-gallon tank. – Photo by Brian Germick, assistant dive safety officer with the North Carolina Aquarium at Fort Fisher

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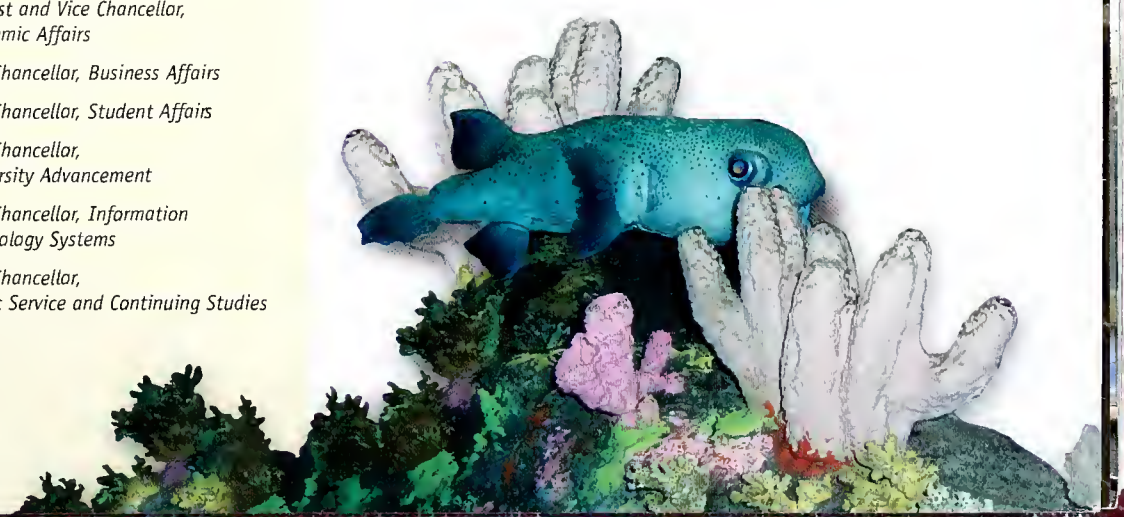

University officials, students and various dignitaries break ground on the first day of classes for the University Union expansion and renovation project. The rendering below shows the Computer Information Systems building that will face the Chancellor's Walk next to the Social and Behavioral Sciences Building.

Campus abuzz with construction

UNCW's growth is evident to anyone who takes a walk around the campus.

Getting from one point to another is often met with detours as construction fences are raised, blocking frequently used sidewalks. Three groundbreakings were held in four months, and work continues on several other facilities.

Hoggard Hall, one of the university's three original buildings, is getting a 16,424-square-foot, two-story addition that will house the Technology Assistance Center. The existing structure will be renovated for a variety of administrative offices.

The Computer Information Systems Building is a new 51,000-square-foot, $11.9 million facility that will house the Department of Information Systems and Operations Management in the Cameron School of Business and the Department of Computer Science in the College of Arts and Sciences. It will be located between the Campus Commons and the Social and Behavioral Sciences Building.

Both of these projects are funded through the 2000 Higher Education Facilities Bond.

The University Union renovation and expansion project will cost approximately $29.2 million, funded totally by student fees and contributions from the bookstore and food service. It encompasses three phases: construction of a 70,536-square-foot addition, renovation of the 72,391-square-foot existing union and renovation of the 23,196-square-foot Burney Center. In addition, a courtyard and colonnade will be built to connect the three facilities. All work is expected to be complete by spring 2007.

Other projects under construction include the sports medicine center, next to the natatorium, and a central energy plant next to Westside Hall, designed in a modified Georgian style to blend with campus architecture.

The Watson School of Education moved into its new three-story building in September. The reopening of Westside Hall, which includes a new wing and renovation of the existing building, was delayed several months due to a manufacturer's defect in the exterior sheathing board installed between the wall studs and bricks which would promote mold growth. The project is now set for completion by December. It will house academic and student support services.

School of Nursing to plan building

The N.C. General Assembly this summer appropriated $500,000 to UNCW to design a building for the School of Nursing.

"A new facility will help us expand enrollment and attract talented, qualified faculty to the School of Nursing," said Dean Virginia Adams.

In the face of the growing nursing shortage, UNCW turned away 35 percent of qualified students over the past five years because of inadequate facilities and a shortage of qualified nursing faculty. In the 2003 academic year alone, the school was forced to turn away one-third of students who met admission requirements, Adams pointed out.

Recently, the N.C. Institute of Medicine Task Force report on the nursing shortage recommended that university programs increase baccalaureate graduates by 25 percent over the next three years.

"We are planning for an 80,000-square-foot building that will accommodate the School of Nursing and health professions. My dream is to have this extraordinary vision realized by 2010. We have just started the design phase," Adams said.

UNCW gets good reviews

U.S.News & World Report

For the seventh consecutive year, UNCW has maintained its status as one of the top 10 public universities in the South in annual college rankings by *U.S.News & World Report*.

UNCW is ranked seventh, behind James Madison University, The Citadel, University of Mary Washington, Appalachian State University, College of Charleston and Murray State University. Among the 131 public and private comprehensive universities in the South, UNCW is 24th.

"We are pleased we have been able to remain in the top tier despite previous years' budget cuts. The 2005 rankings reflect the impacts of these cuts which have caused our student/faculty ratio to increase slightly," said Chancellor Rosemary DePaolo.

"Now that the General Assembly and the governor authorized university funding and a salary increase for faculty this year, we can work on retaining and recruiting faculty, lowering our class sizes and continuing to provide the best quality of education for our students."

Consumer Digest

UNCW is among the top 50 best values for public colleges and universities, where students can get their most academic value per dollar. *Consumer Digest* ranked 200 institutions according to a value index that weighed academic excellence and educational quality against out-of-state tuition; UNCW received a value index of 95.7.

Princeton Review

UNCW was named a 2005 Best College in the Southeastern Region by the *Princeton Review*. PrincetonReview.com features student opinion data from 708 schools in five regions of the United States. UNCW is one of 136 schools to receive the "Best in the Southeast" designation. Colleges were selected based on their academic excellence within their region and on anonymous surveys of their students conducted by *Princeton Review*.

Marine science programs get $4.3 million boost

More than $4 million in state and federal funding will give two UNCW marine science programs a big shot in the arm.

This summer, the N.C. General Assembly approved a recurring $2 million appropriation to expand the university's marine biotechnology program. Half the funds will be used to study and design a facility to serve university scientists and their partners in industry. Remaining funds will be used to buy equipment and recruit faculty who will explore ways to develop new technology based on marine science.

This will build on UNCW's already established relationship with aaiPharma which allows scientists doing research dealing with the identification of molecules to develop potentially lifesaving medicines from pharmaceutically active entities found in coastal waters. One project is studying a chemical produced by a type of micro-algae that scientists believe might treat patients with cystic fibrosis.

A $2.3 million appropriation from the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration is the largest yet received for the Coastal Ocean Research and Monitoring Program, which has been operating since 2000.

The money will be used to upgrade offshore and shore-based oceanographic and marine meteorological instrumentation from South Carolina to Cape Lookout and allow data to be viewed online in real time. With this increased funding, investigators believe the program is poised to emerge as a prototype coastal ocean observing system.

Adjusting his Seahawk baseball cap, N.C. Gov. Mike Easley took advantage of the tax-free shopping weekend in August to get some back-to-school items for his son Michael, second from right, at UNCW's bookstore. He was welcomed by Zach Wynne, SGA president and family friend, and Chancellor Rosemary DePaola.

Memorial books signed by guests at the Celebration of Life for Jessica Faulkner and Christen Naujoks were sent to their families along with a video of the ceremony.

Students remembered

task forces address violence

By Mimi Cunningham

Jessica Faulkner and *Christen Naujoks*, two young lives full of promise but cut short within a month of each other by senseless violence, were remembered in September during a Celebration of Life ceremony.

"These two women probably thought they could help these two disturbed men," said the Rev. Joe Cooper, pastor of the Episcopal Church of the Servant. "They did not deserve to die. Let us see this tragedy as an opportunity to make this world a better place."

Faulkner, 18, was found dead in fellow student Curtis Dixon's dorm room on May 5. Dixon is charged with first-degree murder, rape and kidnapping.

A month later, on June 4, Naujoks, 22, was shot to death by former UNCW student John Peck in her off-campus apartment complex. Peck killed himself three days later.

"Our lives have been scarred by the tragic and senseless deaths of two UNCW students," Chancellor Rosemary DePaolo said.

"Our obligation, as an academic community, is to preserve this university as a place where seekers of truth are as safe as possible from the ills of our society and are able to learn freely without fear. It is the responsibility of each of us to do our part to help make UNCW a safe haven for all who come here to learn so that our students can develop the minds and hearts to help change our world," she said.

Responding to the two murders, DePaolo appointed two task forces to review safety, security and education programs.

A preliminary report released in August by the Task Force on Education and Training Initiatives on Campus Violence Prevention, chaired by Karen Sandell, associate professor of social work, and Deborah Brunson, associate professor of communication studies, proposed a series of education and training initiatives and interventions designed to minimize the threat of campus violence and to quickly respond to the recent campus crises. Details can be found online at www.uncw.edu/news/taskforce.

The Task Force on Campus Violence Prevention was asked to review the safety and security of the campus community, with particular emphasis on student interactions with each other. Its recommendations are due in December. UNCW alumnus Rebecca Blackmore, Fifth District Court Judge, is chair of this task force with Becky Porterfield, academic affairs, as vice chair.

The UNC Office of the President also established a task force to focus on systemwide admissions and campus environments. Pat Leonard, vice chancellor for student affairs, and Robert Roer, dean of the UNCW Graduate School, represent UNCW.

DePaolo said good can come from these tragic deaths by "rededicating ourselves to the task of assuring that UNCW will forever be committed to the principles of free thought and civilized discourse, where all members of the UNCW family can grow and develop and help make us the safest campus environment humanly possible."

Mimi Cunningham is assistant to the chancellor for university relations.

Hosier named provost

After two years as interim provost, Paul Hosier was officially appointed to the job.

"Dr. Hosier has shown a keen sense of skill and ability in managing the academic affairs of this university. I believe he is extremely qualified for this position on a permanent basis," said Chancellor Rosemary DePaolo. "The continuity this will provide enables us to continue to strengthen as a university."

The provost and vice chancellor for academic affairs reports directly to the chancellor and oversees the academic units of the university.

Stephen Demski was named vice chancellor for public service and continuing studies. He comes from the University of Massachusetts Amherst where he served as director of the extension program; he was previously interim vice chancellor for outreach and director of the Office of Graduate and Executive Programs in the School of Management. Demski holds bachelor's and master's degrees in environmental engineering from Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute and an MBA from the Isenberg School of Management.

William A. Fleming is the new assistant to the chancellor for EPA personnel administration and director of human resources. He comes from the University of Florida where he was director of personnel affairs for the Institute of Food and Agricultural Sciences. He has both bachelor's and master's degrees from NC State University.

P. Nelson Reid was named interim dean of the College of Arts and Sciences, following the retirement of Jo Anne Seiple. He has served as professor and chair of the UNCW Department of Social Work.

Three new department chairs were named in the Cameron School of Business: James Hunt, Department of Management and Marketing; Cem Canel, Department of Information Systems and Operations Management; and Randall Hanson, interim, Department of Accountancy and Business Law.

Other new department chairs are Martin Posey, biological sciences; Walter T. Schmid, philosophy and religion; Arthur J. Frankel, social work; and Walter B. Kinney, health and applied human services.

In addition, a total of 56 new faculty members were welcomed to campus this fall.

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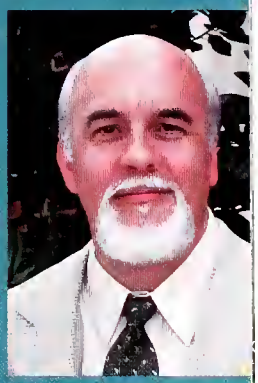

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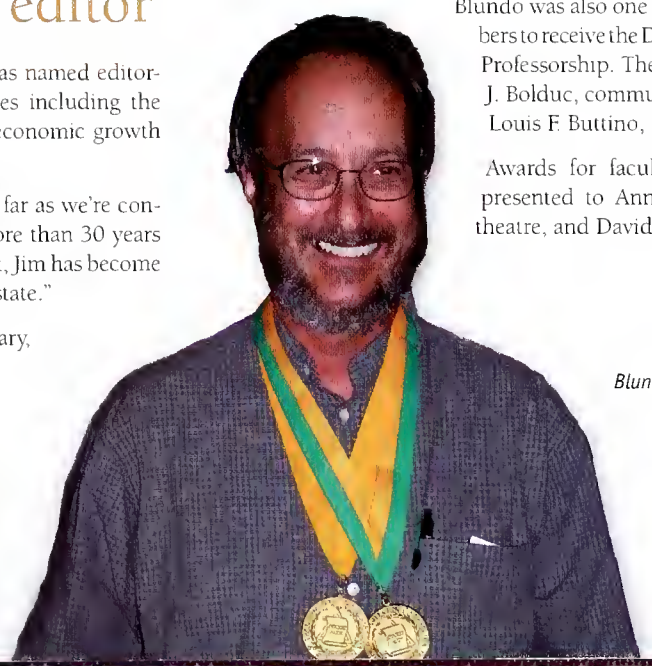
Blundo recognized for teaching excellence

Robert G. Blundo, associate professor of social work in the College of Arts and Sciences, was awarded the UNCW Board of Trustees Teaching Excellence Award. He was among six faculty members recognized in September for their teaching excellence and scholarship.

Blundo is regarded as an "effective and innovative teacher" by his colleagues and as an "accessible and caring professor" by his students. He was awarded a World Health Organization grant to assess the health and social needs of Bolton area residents. This led to the development of an interdisciplinary service-learning course on participatory research involving students in nursing, social work, sociology and psychology. He also initiated an annual social work student conference to provide a forum for student presentations in league with educators and practitioners.

Blundo was also one of three faculty members to receive the Distinguished Teaching Professorship. The others were William J. Bolduc, communication studies, and Louis F. Buttino, film studies.

Awards for faculty scholarship were presented to Ann L. Conner, art and theatre, and David LaVere, history.



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Metro names Leutze editor

James R. Leutze, chancellor emeritus of UNCW, was named editor-at-large for *Metro Magazine* and will address issues including the environment, military and security concerns and economic growth in North Carolina.

Metro editor and publisher Bernie Reeves said, "As far as we're concerned, this is a nice coup for the magazine. In more than 30 years dedicated to public education and civic involvement, Jim has become one of the keenest social observers we have in the state."

Leutze will return to the UNCW classroom in January, teaching classes in military history and leadership.

Metro Magazine (www.metronc.com) is a monthly magazine serving the Triangle and eastern North Carolina.

A group of 22 UNCW students dressed in teal witnessed the signing of a Sister City agreement between the Government of Barbados and the City of Wilmington in June. They were in Barbados for a month-long study abroad course on the country's socialized health care system and the role of tourism in the Barbadian economy. The trip was led by Michael Scantlebury and Melody Kyzer, assistant professors in the UNCW Department of Health and Applied Human Sciences.

Faculty Notes

Virginia Adams

dean of the School of Nursing, is among 50 selected for the 2004-05 class of Leadership North Carolina. Participants are current or emerging leaders in their organizations and/or communities who will explore the most pressing issues in economic development, education, environment, government/politics and health and human services.

Andrew E. Hayes

associate professor in the Department of Specialty Studies at the Watson School of Education, is interim director of the Louise Wells Cameron Art Museum. He is responsible for assisting management of the museum's national search for a permanent director, overseeing implementation of the museum's strategic planning initiative and serving as liaison between the staff and board of directors.

Clyde Edgerton

creative writing professor and author, received the SEBA 2004 Book Award in fiction writing for *Lunch at the Piccadilly*. Awards are presented by the Southeast Booksellers Association once a year for fiction, non-fiction, poetry, children's literature and cookbooks.

Eight UNCW researchers

were welcomed to the Million Dollar Club for attaining cumulative external grant funding totaling $1 million or more during 2003-04. They are: Steve Kinsey, biological sciences; Bill Harris, earth sciences; Alina Szmant, biological sciences and Center for Marine Science; Karen Wetherill, Watson School of Education; Leslie Langer, Small Business and Technology Development Center; Darwin Dennison, health and applied human services; Ron Vetter, computer science; and Edna Collins, curricular studies, Watson School of Education.

Dale J. Cohen

psychology professor, was one of four academic researchers specializing in cognitive processes who was invited by the U.S. Secretary of Education to seek ways to improve the science assessment of the National Assessment of Education Progress, also known as the nation's report card. The meeting, held this summer in Boston, resulted in a document outlining current deficiencies in large-scale assessment, particularly those related to assessing science knowledge, and recommendations for improvement. He was joined by colleagues from Stanford, UCLA and Yale.

Friends host Kenan House tours

The Friends of UNCW will host tours of the renovated Kenan House, the chancellor's residence.

A preview will be Feb. 17, 2005. Tours will be given Feb. 18-20, 2005.

For ticket information, please contact Joan Rodgers, tour chair, at 910.256.1035

Chancellor Rosemary DePaolo presented First Lady Laura Bush with a copy of The Texas Indians *by UNCW history professor David La Vere. Bush visited UNCW in June as a guest of the College Republicans. She was the featured speaker at a private luncheon to raise funds for Richard Burr, Republican candidate for U.S. senator. Three hundred people paid for the private luncheon in the Warwick Center to hear Bush speak about her support for Burr, permanent tax relief, medical liability reform and a second term for her husband, President George W. Bush.*

Aquarius helps astronauts train for space travel

For four NASA crewmembers this summer, *Aquarius* helped them experience what it is like to live and work in an extreme environment, one they might encounter on the moon or Mars.

Astronaut John Herrington led the undersea mission that tested equipment and technology for the International Space Station as part of the NASA Extreme Environment Mission Operations (NEEMO) project. He was joined by astronauts Doug Wheelock and Nick Patrick and biomedical engineer Tara Ruttley.

UNCW systems engineers Craig Cooper and Joe March worked side-by-side with the NASA crew in *Aquarius*, which is similar in size to the International Space Station's living quarters. The facility is owned by the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), operated by UNCW and funded by NOAA's Undersea Research Program. The NEEMO missions are a cooperative project of NASA, NOAA and UNCW.

This was the sixth NASA mission to *Aquarius* that helps astronauts train for space travel to practice long-duration life in space.

Dr. Edward Hammond, chairman of National Collegiate Alcohol Awareness Week, presented Rebecca Caldwell, CROSSROADS director; Chancellor Rosemary DePaola; and Pat Leonard, vice chancellor for student affairs, with a plaque and $5,000. Also pictured is Deanna Rice, Coors corporate responsibility manager.

National honors given
for alcohol education program

UNCW was among three universities honored Sept. 14 in Washington, D.C., for developing and implementing programs to effectively prevent over-consumption of alcoholic beverages and underage drinking.

The CROSSROADS program was recognized for having the highest scores in a national competition held in conjunction with National Collegiate Alcohol Awareness Week (NCAAW). The universities were judged for significant use of an evidence-based approach in their prevention efforts, as well as comprehensive year-round alcohol education programming, collaboration and support for NCAAW.

Coors Brewing Company sponsored the awards with the Inter-Association Task Force on Alcohol and Other Substance Abuse Issues. The University of Nebraska and the University of Richmond were also recognized.

African-American Marines' story documented

In a race against time, the largely untold story of the nation's first African-American Marines will at last be made known.

In July, Congress approved $500,000 through the Department of Defense to produce a documentary, a joint effort of UNCW and South Carolina State University, working closely with the Montford Point Marine Museum at Camp Lejeune.

More than 20,000 African-Americans trained in segregated facilities between 1942 and 1949 at Montford Point, N.C., and became the first African-Americans to serve in the U.S. Marine Corps.

"All Montford Point veterans encountered are anxious to see their story told to the American people," said Melton McLaurin, professor emeritus of history at UNCW and writer/director of the documentary. "Theirs is a story of incredible loyalty and service to the nation in the face of prejudice and discrimination. They not only were the first African-Americans to serve as Marines, they also integrated the Marine Corps at the unit level during the Korean War."

In many ways, the project is a race against time. It is estimated that between 1,500 and 2,000 Montford Pointers are still alive, but of those, only about half are ambulatory. Since 2001, UNCW-TV has recorded 43 of the veterans, with plans to tape at least 10 more including David Dinkins, former mayor of New York City.

McLaurin hopes to have a rough cut of the documentary ready by July 2005 for the 40th annual convention of the Montford Point Marines Association in Chicago. The project should be completed in September 2005.

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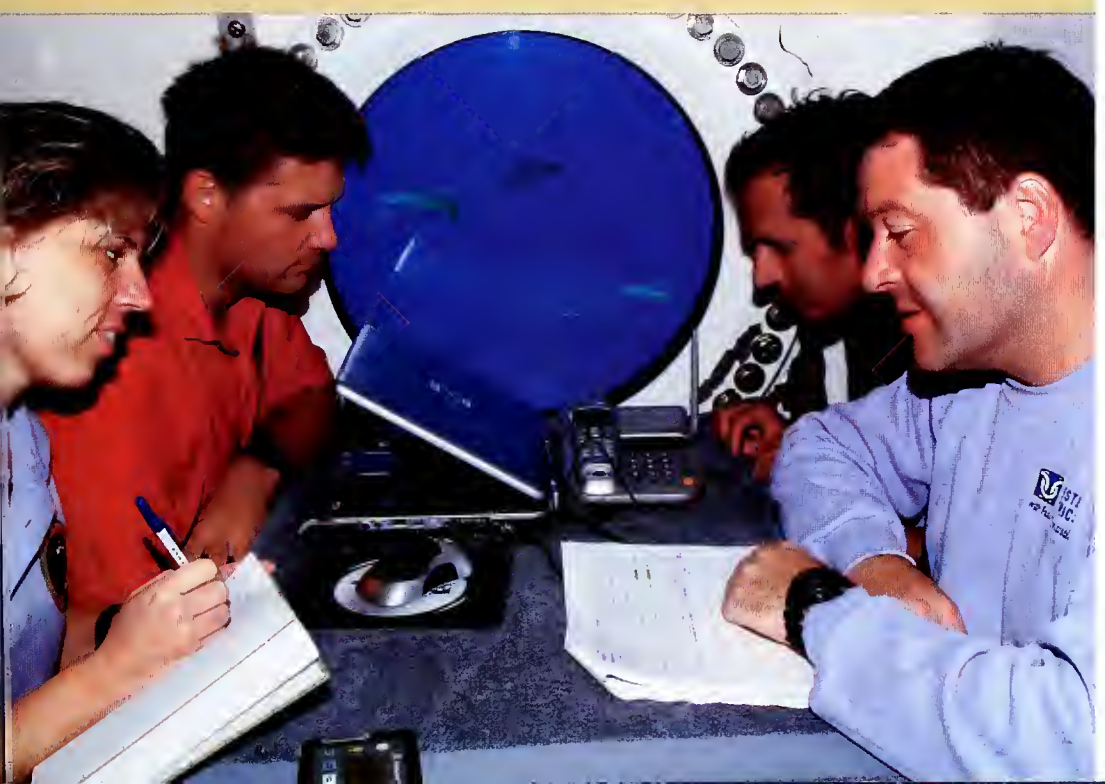

New social work degree approved

UNCW's new Master of Social Work degree, which was approved by the UNC Board of Governors in May, will prepare graduates for advanced clinical practice in mental health, child welfare, family services and medical social work settings. The educational program will emphasize ethical and knowledge-based practice and will include coursework in program development and the management of social work practice and service delivery.

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College of Charleston's Mike Benton tries to head off sophomore guard T.J. Carter's drive to the bucket last season in Trosk Coliseum.

Men's Basketball Schedule

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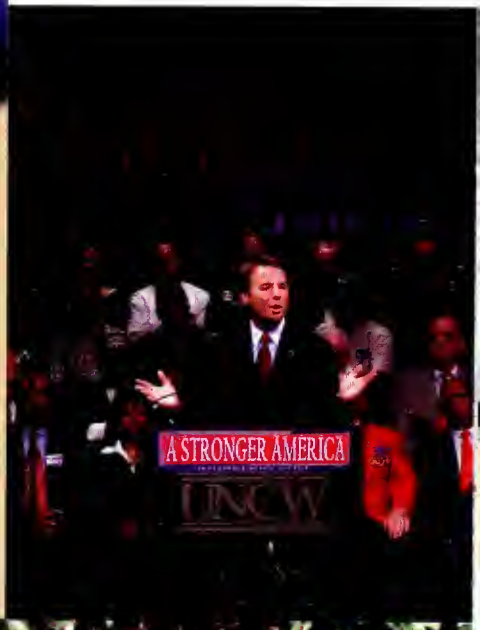

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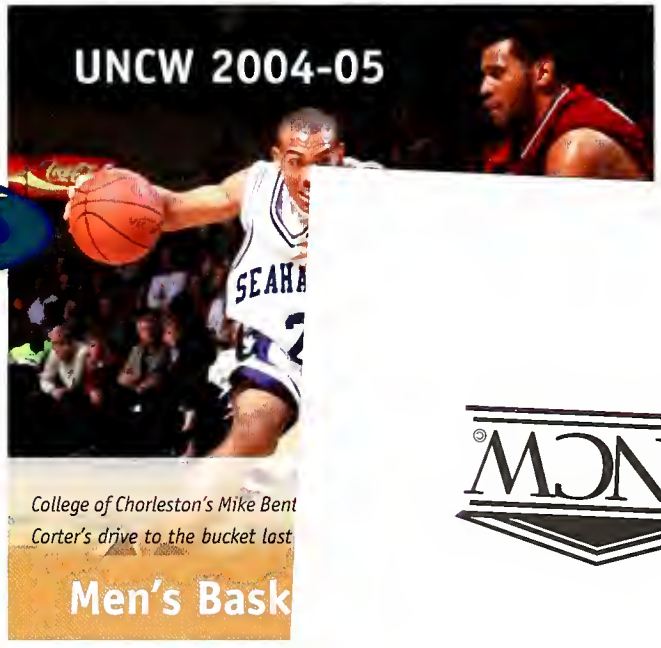

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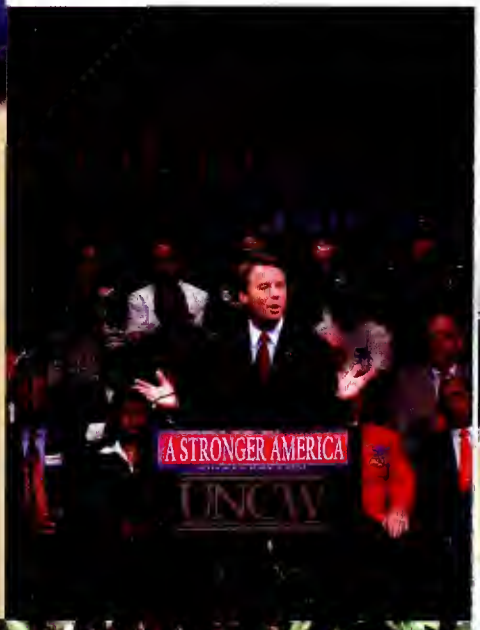

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UNCW 'tentacles' reach deep into aquarium

While Jack Hall floats among the fish, Ruth Schneider '00 fields questions from children and adults gathered on the other side of the eight-inch-thick glass of the huge aquarium.

"This is the closest you can get to all these animals without getting wet," she said. "There's a lot of variety" in her job as educator at the N.C. Aquarium. Sometimes she does get wet to take advantage of the best diving conditions and visibility available in the Cape Fear area. "I see more than I ever would diving off the coast," she said.

Aquarium guests may be first greeted by Stephanie Wells Misner '02 who works in visitor services. She also does the Monday dive show along with Stephanie Manke '02.

Hall, Schneider and Misner are joined by dozens of other UNCW faculty, staff, alumni and students who work and volunteer at the aquarium.

Bob Buerger, Ileana Clavijo, Steve Emslie, Sue Kezios, Doug Kesling, Tom Lankford, Bill McLellan, Marian McPhaul, D. Ann Pabst, Martin Posey, Andy Shepard, Fred Scharf, Diane Talley, Frank Trimble and Wade Watanabe are among the faculty and staff who volunteer to use the aquarium to enhance their classroom instruction.

Alumni on staff at the aquarium include Beth Broders '03, Adam Church '03, Melanie Doyle '98, Keith Farmer '73, Melissa Garganta '04, Jackie Harris '96, Julie Johnson '02, Samantha Johnson '02, Wayne Justice '03, Michelle Lamping '03, Ryan McAlarney '01, William Parker '99, Jacob Rudolph '04, Carol Taylor '01, Renee Weeks '97 and Heather Wigley '97, '98.

By Jack Hall

For the good of the community or how I have fun with fish!!!

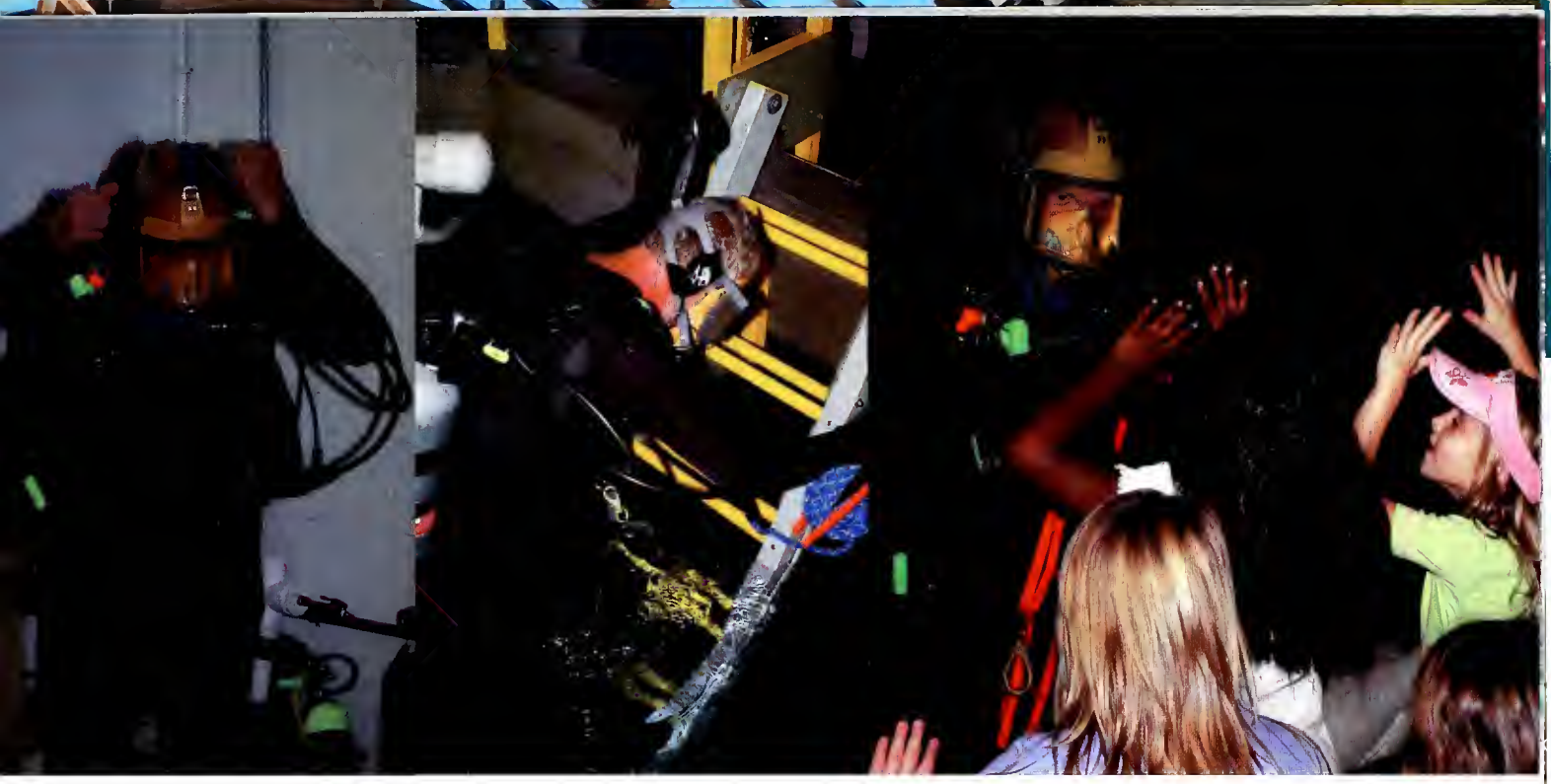
Over the years I have found that I am pretty good at science, I very much enjoy teaching and learning, and I love SCUBA diving.

I have also found a combination of these interests that satisfies me and hopefully provides some benefit to others.

As chair of the Department of Environmental Studies, I give a number of talks to school and community groups on various and sundry topics from air pollution to zebra mussels and everything in between. I write a column geared for middle and high school kids called "Dr. Jack's Natural World" on ecology.com. I am also regional director for Science Olympiad which is an international team competition in science and engineering for middle and high school students.

I truly enjoy these activities but what I look forward to on a weekly basis is swimming with the fish at the North Carolina Aquarium at Fort Fisher. To satisfy my craving to make bubbles, I have been a volunteer diver at the aquarium for nearly two years. I am only one of nearly 100 divers, many of whom are current students or alumni of UNCW, who volunteer as part of the dive team. In fact, my son is also a diver and my daughter soon will be. Yes, it is a family affair!

I am one of the "talking divers" every Thursday at 2:30 in the Cape Fear Shoals exhibit. If you have ever been to the aquar-



ium and seen the dive show where you can talk to the diver – well, that's me – at least on Thursdays. If you have not been to the aquarium or seen one of the dive shows, you need to. Yes, it is fun – and as an added bonus, it's educational, too!

Many people ask me, and many of you are probably thinking, "Wow, it must be pretty cool to dive in that tank with all the fish and talk to people," and my typical response is "Correctomundo, I am one of the lucky ones who gets to actually do what everybody else wants to!"

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As you may suspect, diving at the aquarium is a bit different than open water or ocean diving. The Cape Fear Shoals exhibit is essentially a giant, and I do mean GIANT, salt-water aquarium.

Now, just like your aquarium at home this one also has filters and pumps, but these filters pump 1,500 gallons of saltwater per minute – yes that's right, per minute!

Just like your home aquarium, the exhibit needs constant cleaning. The difference is we clean from the inside with scrub brushes and underwater vacuums. There are at least two dives per day dedicated to cleaning the rocks, gravel and windows. If you have ever had an aquarium, you know what I am talking about – it is a constant battle!

Also like most home aquariums, the salt-water is synthetic. To ensure quality control, seawater is made by adding the proper chemicals to freshwater. This eliminates the possibility of contamination by chemical or biological pollutants from natural seawater. It would not be good to come in and find all of the inhabitants of the exhibit belly up on the surface because of some little goober that wipes everybody out – yes, that is science lingo and I am a science kinda guy. We are also careful not to introduce any harmful "stuff or critters" from the divers – so the aquarium provides showers and all of the dive equipment that we use.

Now, unlike your home tank the Cape Fear Shoals exhibit is large – that is the understatement of the day! It is 24 feet deep from surface to bottom, contains about 235,000 gallons of saltwater, and has approximately 330 individual fish representing more than 30 different species including sharks, stingrays and eels. All of the fish are native to and have been collected from North Carolina waters. The exhibit is designed to simulate, as closely as possible, the hard-bottoms or rock ledges in our offshore waters. Obviously, to maintain such an exhibit is a full-time job for many people.

Swimming with the fish allows me to pursue many of the things I most enjoy. I have been diving since 1970 (yes, I am old!) but I still look forward to my weekly "fix" in the tank. This is because I don't need any of my own equipment, the water is always clear and 75 degrees, there is always something to look at, I don't need a boat and I don't get beat up by waves, tides and storms.

Best of all, I also get to teach and to learn. I love to talk to kids about the tank, the fish and how important the marine environment is to all of us in North Carolina, not only as a resource but how dependent we are on the oceans for our survival. With the exhibit as a backdrop, I think they really listen and maybe even remember.

I would like to thank the staff at the aquarium for giving me the opportunity to learn about the exhibit, the critters and the workings of the operations. By observing and participating in the work at the aquarium, I have gained new knowledge that I can bring to the classroom for my students and use in my research activities.

UNCW and the North Carolina Aquarium at Fort Fisher have a great working relationship which provides benefits to each. The faculty, staff and students of UNCW are able to gain valuable experience and collect scientific data on a wide variety of problems while providing the aquarium with a source of expertise and manpower they would not necessarily have access to.

I feel very fortunate to be associated with two great organizations that allow me to do what I really like to do. If you have the chance, please stop by and catch the dive show – I might even let you pet the eel!

politics: the next generation

Young alumni fill leadership roles across the political spectrum

By Dana Fischetti

The North Carolina state director for the Kerry-Edwards presidential campaign. The finance director for the Burr for Senate campaign. The president of the Guilford County Young Democrats. A Bush administration political appointee in the Social Security Administration. A former staff member of U.S. Sen. Jesse Helms. And an account manager with a firm that oversees contributions to the Bush-Cheney campaign.

Cheri Arnott poses at the entrance of Air Force II as she prepares to travel with Vice President Dick Cheney.

While this group of professionals and volunteers works in a wide variety of political positions and splits their allegiance between the two major parties, they do have several things in common. All of them are up-and-coming leaders in national, state and local politics, ensuring that the critical behind-the-scenes work gets done within their campaign or office. And they were all prepared to take on these leadership roles through their academic and extracurricular experiences at UNCW. While they may call themselves Republicans or Democrats and sometimes be bitter opponents in heated campaigns, at the end of the day they're all Seahawks.

And by the way, the oldest one was born during the Ford administration, while the three youngest entered the world with Ronald Reagan as president. One can only imagine the great things they'll do when they hit their third decade.

Cheri Arnott '97

Volunteer with Vice President Dick Cheney's Office

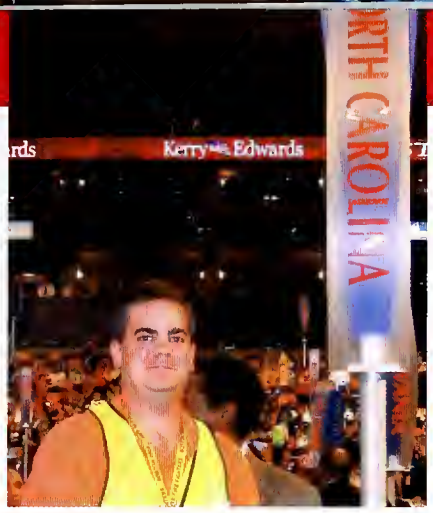
A former staffer for the Bush-Cheney presidential campaign in 2000 and a Bush administration political appointee, Cheri Arnott sometimes travels with the vice president as a volunteer on official visits. This year, she visited Aviano Air Base in Pordenone, Italy, and Seoul, South Korea, assisting with special event planning and media relations. Both trips were eye-opening, she said, particularly with the increased security and awareness of the post-9/11 era.

"There's nothing that will compare to standing on that army base in Seoul with a room full of American troops to see how tenuous peace really is," she said. "I had tears in my eyes when the vice president came out and the national anthem was played. There is something magical about that, something that reminds us how lucky we are to live in the USA."

While Arnott looks forward to volunteering for future state trips, she is keeping busy with her full-time position as director of the Combined Federal Campaign in the Social Security Administration (SSA) in Baltimore, Md. The combined campaign is similar to the United Way campaign, raising funds for charitable organizations from government employees. Last year, Arnott raised just under $1.3 million from about 14,000 SSA employees. She is also president of the Baltimore/DC UNCW Alumni Chapter.

After graduating from UNCW, Arnott earned her Master of Public Service and Administration degree at the George Bush School of Government and Public Service at Texas A&M University. While there, she had several opportunities to meet with Bush family members and work with then-Gov. George W. Bush. In 1999, she moved to Austin to work as a volunteer on Bush's first presidential campaign and was hired as a full-time staff member a week later.

"Working on a campaign is probably the most stressful job I can imagine," she said, "because everything you do is live and on the news immediately. But it's also incredibly rewarding. It's the thrill of winning, the thrill of seeing someone who you believe will truly change the world in a position to do that and knowing you had a part in it. You really have to have a personal investment in your candidate to make it worthwhile."



Jason Coley represented North Carolina at the 2004 Democratic National Convention in Boston.

Jason Coley '00

President, Guilford County Young Democrats

Jason Coley is on a mission. As president of the Young Democrats of Guilford County, he wants to encourage more young people to get involved in the political process and bring their youthful energy to campaigns.

"There's a lot of opportunity to encourage young voters to get involved," Coley said. "On many college campuses, the voter turnout is less than 10 percent. It's hard to find people that young who want to be active in politics, but I've started to see a change in that over the past year. More young people are showing an interest in politics, and we emphasize to them that they can really make a difference."

Coley makes his living as a research and development lab technician for Syngenta Crop Protection in Greensboro, but invests a large part of his time off the clock working for the Democratic Party. This has been true since he was eight years old, when he began helping to recruit voters with his father, who was on the executive board of the AFL-CIO and chair of the Guilford County Democratic Party. While at UNCW, he worked with the New Hanover County party office on the "Get Out the Vote" campaign. In addition to serving as president of the Young Democrats, he traveled to Boston as a North Carolina delegate to the 2004 Democratic National Convention.

"There was so much energy there," he said of his convention experience. "It was like being at a sporting event that is coming down to the final seconds and seeing the winning shot or the winning field goal. And the North Carolina delegation was fortunate to be up front where we could see and be a part of everything. It really energized us to go back home and hit the ground running on the campaign."

Shane Fernando '00

Former Staff Member for Sen. Jesse Helms

After graduating from UNCW, Shane Fernando was planning to go to China to teach through the Sister Cities Program connection between Wilmington and Dandong. The day after graduation, just as he was about to accept the teaching position, Fernando received a call from U.S. Sen. Jesse Helms that changed his course.

Shane Fernando is pictured with former U.S. Sen. Jesse Helms, with whom he interned while a student at UNCW.

Instead of going to China, he went to Washington, D.C., to work in a position Helms offered him with the office of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee and later worked as a member of Helms' Senate office staff. During high school and while at UNCW, Fernando had interned for Helms as well as for U.S. Sen. Lauch Faircloth, and those internship experiences led to the full-time staff opportunity.

As a communication studies major and active member of student government, Fernando said the experiences he had at UNCW helped prepare him for the challenge of working on Capitol Hill and for any future career opportunities he may pursue.

"Working with the Student Government Association and with the administration at UNCW helped me hone my leadership skills and taught me a lot about the political system, how our government works and how all of that ties into a university setting," he said. "But I also knew I'd want to work in other areas besides politics, and the communication studies program is structured so that you can tailor it to the type of education you want to receive. It can open so many doors because success in many fields comes down to whether or not you can effectively communicate."

When Helms retired from the Senate at the end of 2002, Fernando decided to take some time off to pursue another of his interests, buying and refurbishing a historic home in Washington. He has since completed that project and is currently seeking a position with the U.S. Department of State and exploring graduate school opportunities. He hopes his next career move will keep him in Washington.

"When I was about eight or nine," he said, "we went on a family vacation to D.C., and I remember tugging on my mom's and dad's sleeves to tell them that I wanted to live here someday. I fell in love with the city, and I still feel the same way."

Morgan Jackson is pictured with Democratic vice presidentiol candidate John Edwards.

Morgan Jackson '96

N.C. State Director
Kerry-Edwards Campaign

Morgan Jackson worked for U.S. Sen. John Edwards for the past three-and-a-half years, before accepting a job in July as state director for the Kerry-Edwards presidential campaign. He had worked in the senator's office since 2001 and later became national deputy political director for the John Edwards for President campaign, overseeing several states in the Southeast. For both positions he was based in Raleigh.

"I was one of the senator's outreach aides," he explained. "My job was to keep in touch with constituents and keep my eyes and ears to the ground so that Senator Edwards would be aware of changing needs in North Carolina. That's what I liked best about my job – being in the district and talking face-to-face with the people the elected office represents."

profiles

CHERI ARNOTT '97
Age 29

UNCW Degree: B.A. in political science

Current Position: Director of Combined Federal Campaign, Social Security Administration in Baltimore, Md.

Volunteer: Travels with Vice President Dick Cheney on official state visits, president of Baltimore/D.C. UNCW Alumni Chapter

JASON COLEY '00
Age 26

UNCW Degree: B.S. in business information systems

Current Position: Research and development lab technician for Syngenta Crop Protection in Greensboro

Volunteer: President of Young Democrats of Guilford County and delegate to 2004 Democratic National Convention

SHANE FERNANDO '00
Age 24

UNCW Degree: B.A. in communication studies

Current Position: Took time off to renovate a historic home in Washington, D.C.; currently seeking a position with the U.S. Department of State and exploring graduate school opportunities

MORGAN JACKSON '96
Age 30

UNCW Degree: B.A. in political science

Current Position: North Carolina state director for the Kerry-Edwards presidential campaign, based in Raleigh

AMANDA KORNEGAY '97
Age 29

UNCW Degree: B.A. in political science

Current Position: Finance director, Richard Burr for U.S. Senate campaign, based in Winston-Salem

KATE RUSSELL '02
Age 24

UNCW Degree: B.A. in communication studies

Current Position: Account representative, Campaign Mail and Data, Inc., in Falls Church, Va., which manages contributions to the Bush-Cheney presidential campaign and to the Republican National Committee

Jackson also had that opportunity earlier in his career, when he interned with U.S. Rep. Charlie Rose during his senior year at UNCW, then served as a congressional aide to both U.S. representatives Mel Watt and Bill Hefner in their N.C. offices. During the 2000 election cycle, he worked as political director of the North Carolina Democratic Party. He credits UNCW and the Political Science Department with helping him get his start in politics.

"I always thought I wanted to work in politics but when I got into the political science classes and began experiencing what politics was really like it helped me figure out what I wanted to do with my life," he said. "The faculty puts every effort into helping students find the career path that is right for them. And one of the best things was that I got the job with Congressman Hefner due in large part to my internship with Charlie Rose and the help I received from UNCW."

In late August, Jackson returned to the UNCW campus with Edwards, who made a campaign speech at Kenan Auditorium. In Jackson's current role, he is responsible for all aspects of the campaign in North Carolina, including helping define the candidate's messages, planning special events, managing a team of volunteers making voter contacts across the state and developing and executing a media plan.

"It's a little bit of everything," he said.

Amanda Kornegay '97

Finance Director
Burr for Senate Campaign

Amanda Kornegay was instrumental in organizing a visit to UNCW by First Lady Laura Bush in July as a campaign fundraiser for U.S. Rep. Richard Burr, candidate for U.S. Senate. Her main role was to raise campaign funds across the state but, as with most jobs on small campaign staffs, her role was broadly defined and changed every day.

That variety is one of the things she loves about working in politics.

"It's the opportunity to always do different things," she said. "In some ways, it's like having a different job every day. There are days you can plan because you have an event going on, like organizing the visit by the First Lady. That week my life was completely taken up by that event. Other days you have no idea what may come up that suddenly takes priority over everything else."

Amanda Kornegoy is pictured with, from left, U. S. Rep. Richard Burr; Brandon Mocsato '96, owner of Macsota & Associates, a consulting and lobbying firm; and Vice President Dick Cheney.

Before joining the Burr campaign earlier this year, Kornegay worked for six years in Washington, D.C., spending the first year and a half working as an aide to U.S. Sen. Lauch Faircloth and the following four and a half running the National Association of Broadcasters' political action committee. She also interned for Faircloth while at UNCW and was active in the Student Government Association.

She said she feels fortunate to have had so many different professional opportunities at such a young age but that it requires a major commitment.

"Capitol Hill is run by 22- to 30-year-olds," she said. "Young staff have the time to put in and are so eager to be out of college and to learn. It's new and exciting but it's also difficult and demanding work. Candidates and members of Congress truly appreciate what their staffs do because they know what hard work it is."

Currently based in Winston-Salem, Kornegay's goal is to move back to Wilmington and buy a house, but she is unable to think about any short-term goals until after the election.

"At this point, there is no future beyond Election Day," she said. "Like most campaign staffers, my hope is that this opportunity will turn out well and will lead to the next one."

Kate Russell '02

Account Representative
Campaign Mail and Data Inc.

When Kate Russell was a student at UNCW, she took advantage of the opportunities she had to get involved and gain experience for her career. She was the youngest-ever female student body president and a member of the first female president and vice president team. She studied abroad in England as part of the International Studies program.

Kate Russell was with President and Mrs. George W. Bush at the 2002 Presidential Christmas Party.

And she helped lobby for the bond issue in 2000 to provide funding for the new education building, among others.

"It was incredible to be involved in that process," she said. "I was able to attend the groundbreaking for the new building, which made it real. It was rewarding to see that the university that had the smallest square footage per student in the UNC system was finally going to get more classroom space."

Russell grew up in Kansas and moved to Greensboro with her family just before her senior year of high school. When she was 16, her father worked as campaign treasurer for U.S. Sen. Sam Brownback, a Kansas Republican, and Russell interned for Brownback while a student at UNCW. She found the atmosphere in Brownback's Senate office very different from that of the campaign in Kansas.

"It was strange because the chief of staff, this person who was in a very high-ranking position in the Senate office, was a person I had known when I was younger and who would come over to my father's house with pizza," she said. "Also during the campaign Sen. Brownback was always there but most of the time on Capitol Hill he was in meetings, drafting legislation or working on committees. The Senate floor is empty a lot of the time because there are so many meetings."

After graduation, Russell worked for the Republican National Committee (RNC) in Washington during the 2002 campaign, and then took a position with Campaign Mail and Data Inc. in Falls Church, Va., which oversees private contributions to the Bush-Cheney campaign and to the RNC. The firm checks the accuracy of donor records and ensures compliance with campaign finance laws before contributions are deposited.

Russell said she prefers to provide support to the Republican Party in this way rather than being directly involved in a campaign.

"A campaign is really demanding," she said. "Everything is all the time, real time, need it now. That was hard for my father and for our family. I could've applied to work for the Bush-Cheney campaign after I worked at the RNC, but I didn't want to choose that. I wanted to find a way to work in politics but not wonder if I would have a job after Nov. 2."

Dana Fischetti is a marketing and communications consultant for UNCW's professional schools.

Political science at UNCW

Curriculum emphasizes classical theory, real-world experience

Political science is a broad, diverse field, and students come to it with many different areas of academic and career interest. Recognizing this, the UNCW Political Science Department and its degree programs are structured to give students a core understanding of classic political theory as well as the flexibility to apply that theory to their own specific interest areas.

"Some of our students are interested in legislative politics, some have a stronger interest in state than national politics and some are preparing for law school," said department chair Tom Barth. "We help our students determine a career direction based on their interests and their personality types. Working in an agency in the federal government is a whole different world than working on a campaign or in a legislative office. Some people are more comfortable in one world than the other."

To assist students in developing the skills they need to be successful after graduation, the curriculum heavily emphasizes writing, the ability to present persuasively, basic analytical skills and critical thinking. The department also provides students with practical experience through internships and coaches them on how to dress and behave in their internship settings.

"There's the theoretical world of politics and then there's the real rough-and-tumble world," said Barth. "Most students have never been a part of that real world, and there's no substitute for actually living it and experiencing it. We constantly remind our students that politics is all about networking, and if they do a good job and make an impression on the right people it can go a long way."

In the classroom, the focus is on providing a complete overview of American domestic politics, including the theories that American political principles are built on, as well as international political issues and how they affect domestic policy decisions. Classes discuss viewpoints from across the political spectrum on a wide variety of topics, and students are encouraged to form their own political identities and value systems.

"Most students who come here are a product of their parents' views, whether conservative or liberal," Barth said, "and part of their education is exposure to other points of view and learning to value the diversity that is part of our political system."

Dawn, a fine June morning, and we're entering Glacier Bay, which promises a spectacular show.

alaskan passage

By Philip Gerard

Above: Totem poles reflect the native culture throughout Alaska.
Below: Glacier Bay.
Bottom right: The Holland America cruise ship Amsterdam visited Glacier Bay the same time as the Veendam.

The teak lower promenade deck is slick from dew and having been hosed down by the crew. The captain has stopped the Holland American liner *MS Veendam* in an ice-field so we on deck can watch the blue-tinted growlers in the dark blue water, scrimmed by juniper needles and other tidal wrack.

The mountains are softened by the mist, then sharpened by the sun rising behind them, casting selective shards of brilliance on the scene. They looked like giant conical cakes upon which has been poured a glaze of sugar icing; it drips down the face in ruts and avalanche chutes, some ending in free-falling cascades.

The glaciers, frozen rivers, glisten aqua-marine blue from the peculiar refraction, their massive fronts a pile of gravel and soil – a moraine – bulldozed out of the rock chute down which it traveled. The passage is choked with ice – micro-bergs, growlers and chips. The water is gelid, almost con-gealed looking, pocked with ice chips that are much larger than they seem from our lofty decks.

The Margerie, one of the larger glaciers, moves six feet per day and is pushed by a tail 26 miles long. All that enormous downhill momentum, like an avalanche in slow motion, corrugates the surface with enormous pressure ridges and creates deep fissures in a conglomeration of ice 150 feet deep with another 100 feet under water.

The glaciers appear soft, but through binoculars you can see the violent upheaval, giant cakes of ice crushing upon each other, boulders and gravel and splin-tered trees all caught up in the frozen stew as it slid in a great abrasive sheet across and between the mountains.

We boarded the *MS Veendam* 36 hours earlier in Seward, Alaska – 26 alumni, friends and faculty from UNCW sharing an adventure down the coast of Alaska to Sitka, Juneau, Ketchikan and through the Inside Passage to Vancouver, British Columbia. The trip was coordinated by Karel Dutton through UNCW's Lifelong Learning Program.

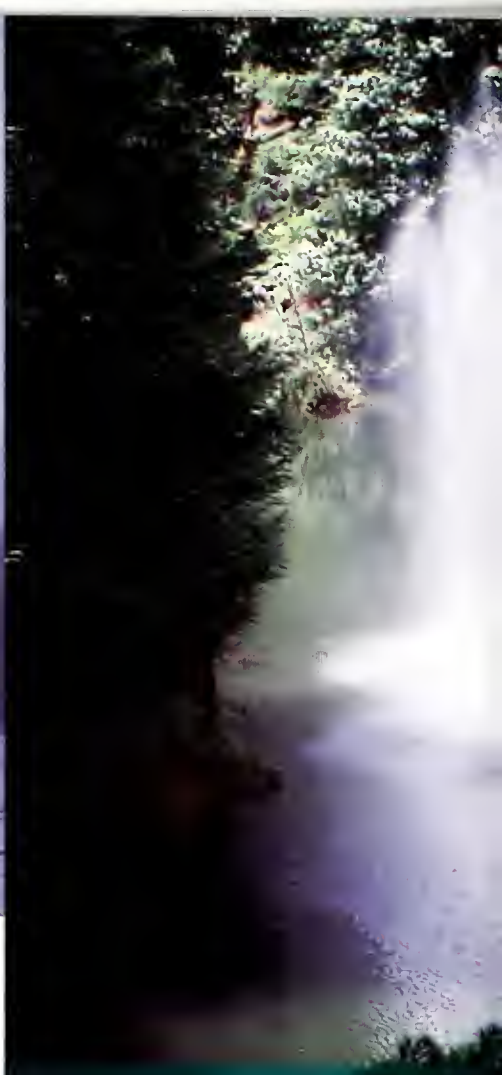
We cruised through College Fjord into Prince William Sound, through Icy Strait past Point Carolus and scattered islands and bays, with excellent views of Reid Glacier, Johns Hopkins Glacier, the Margerie Glacier and the magnificent Grand Pacific Glacier at the head of the bay. To starboard on the inbound tack loomed the Beartrack Mountains, to port the Brady Icefield. All stark, remote, forbidding and breathtaking.

As cruise ships go, the *Veendam* is small, carrying 1,200 passengers – compared to two or three times that number on the large liners. This allows a certain leisurely intimacy – we are never crowded, rarely stand in line for meals, always have access to the onboard amenities – spa, pool, Internet café, shows.

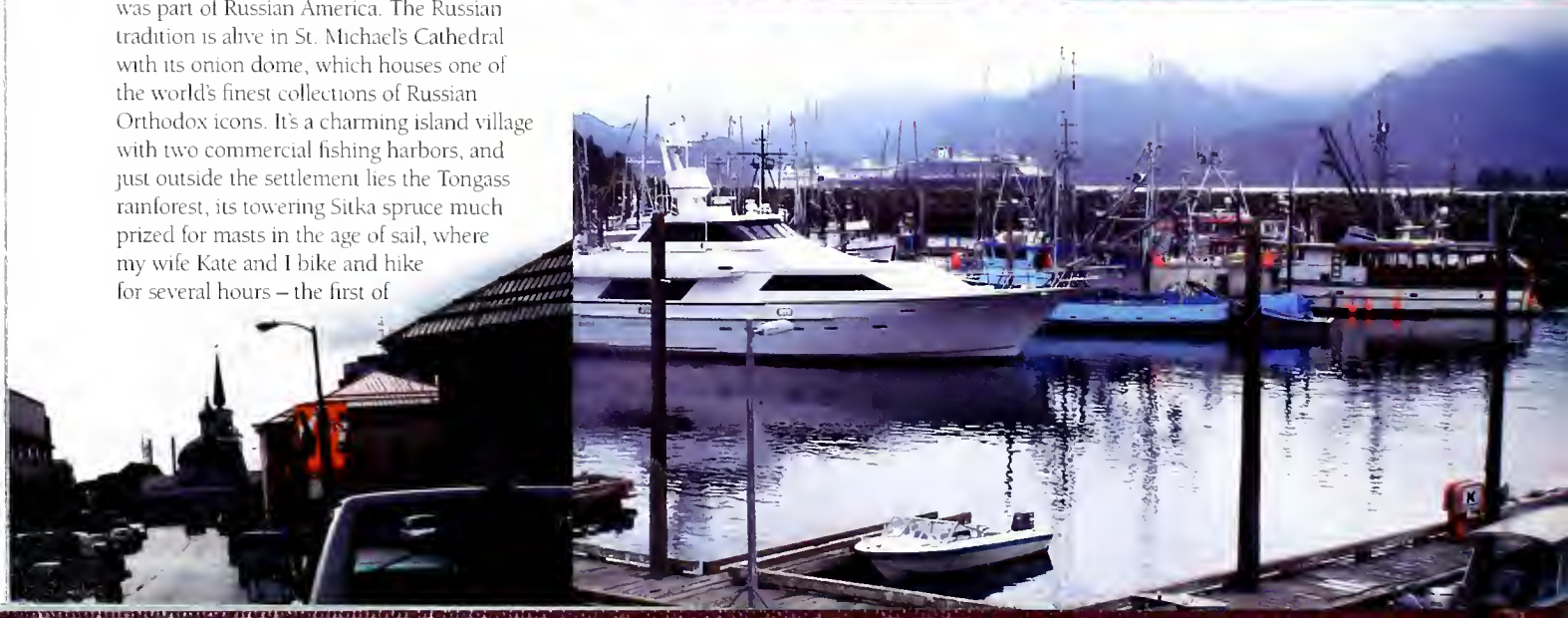
The Holland American liners carry an Old-World class, from the varnished woodwork and brass to the manners of the crew. We wear formal clothes to dinner on several nights. It's frankly a relief from the ubiquitous sloppy informality of our mass market culture. It feels somehow civilized.

The weather for our passage is bracing, often suffused with a soft perpetual drizzle, and the motion of the ship is easy. The UNCW group meets each evening for dinner in a block of tables reserved in the Rotterdam dining room near the great stern gallery windows, so we watch our wake disappear into the lingering twilight – the sun never quite sets at this latitude in summer – as we trade stories about our adventures afloat and ashore.

The first landfall is Sitka, an island that once was part of Russian America. The Russian tradition is alive in St. Michael's Cathedral with its onion dome, which houses one of the world's finest collections of Russian Orthodox icons. It's a charming island village with two commercial fishing harbors, and just outside the settlement lies the Tongass rainforest, its towering Sitka spruce much prized for masts in the age of sail, where my wife Kate and I bike and hike for several hours – the first of



Top left: Bald eagles soar over the waters near Ketchikan in search of a meal.
Middle left: A tram in Juneau travels to the top of Mt. Roberts.
Bottom left: St. Michael's Cathedral is landmark in Sitka.
Below: Pleasure and commercial fishing boats fill a harbor in Sitka.
Right: The lush rainforest in Juneau provides a striking contrast to other icy scenery.



several excursions we pre-booked while planning for the cruise. Others in our group attend a performance of Russian folk dancers, go whale-watching, or simply explore the village.

At Juneau we paddle two-person sea kayaks in Gastineau Channel among frolicking harbor seals, then ride the tram to the top of Mt. Roberts, 1,750 feet above the narrow strip of coast that contains the city, then descend with a thrill like free-fall.

That evening, at the onboard Explorers lounge, other members of our group relate their adventure whale-watching. A pod of killer whales – orcas – attacked a sea lion and tossed it around like a volleyball, then tore it limb from limb, a reminder that this is wilderness after all, despite our comfortable ship.

We sail into Ketchikan up a long fairway lined with floatplane docks, fishing boat harbors, canneries, a dry dock, Coast Guard Station, a real working city. We take a Jeep safari into the backcountry. Along the way we visit a mountain lake and paddle 20-person canoes, fiberglass replicas of the traditional Tlingit craft, to a cook camp, where we enjoy hot coffee and cocoa, chowder, smoked salmon and other treats before setting off again on rugged, nearly vertical logging roads through a forest of old growth Sitka spruce, hemlock, devil's crow, skunk cabbage and dwarf arctic dogwood.

On our last full day at sea, it has been blowing a full gale all day – 45-knot winds, waves 12-18 feet, but the motion of the ship is easy. Kate and I walk our usual two miles circuiting the lower promenade deck with the deck heaving us about and the spray booming against the hull, wetting the deck and sluicing out through the scuppers. Crossing Queen Charlotte Sound, the sea looks gray and wild – always more forbidding under a sullen gunmetal sky.

Vancouver, the end of our journey. In a floatplane, high above Vancouver Island, we soar over the cruise ship terminal and the Lion's Gate suspension bridge. As we bank over the water, I can see probably 50 miles up the Inside Passage – the purple and dark green humps of islands ghostly in the late afternoon sea mist, and feel a strange beckoning into a passage of promise and mystery, as at the beginning of a story.

Strange, since we have just come through that same passage on our way into Vancouver. Yet maybe that majestic and inviting glimpse, that panoramic view that quickens my heart, means I am destined to sail it again, going north, where Alaska waits at the end of the water.

Philip Gerard is a professor of creative writing.

Students benefit from Greim's planning

By Andrea Weaver

Although Barbara Greim retired from teaching at UNCW in 2000, she continues to educate students by annually funding a merit scholarship for computer science majors.

"I really believe that the chance to go to college and get an education is a tremendous opportunity for students," said Greim, associate professor emerita of computer science. She joined the UNCW faculty in 1969.

She supports the Computer Science Chair's Scholarship, which she initiated after she was named acting chair of the Computer Science Department in 1998. The department was formed that year and Greim held the acting chair position until her retirement.

"I named the scholarship to recognize all the chairs to come after me," she said. "It honors people who do so much for the department."

Anthony Hardison, a senior from New Bern is the 2004-05 scholarship recipient.

"This is the first year I've been able to pay for college totally on my own without having any help from my parents," he said.

Hardison plans to graduate in May 2005 with a double major in computer science and mathematics. The scholarship completes the excellent educational experience he has enjoyed at UNCW.

"It's a great school. The people are nice and the professors are helpful," Hardison said.

When Greim taught, she made an extra effort to help students understand her lectures by posting her notes on a Web site prior to class, said Allen Randall '01.

"That meant we spent less time having to write down what she said and more time listening to what she said," said Randall, a systems administrator and research assistant in the computer science department at UNCW.

Greim still plans for the future with students in mind. She recently decided to include funding in her will to endow the Computer Science Chair's Scholarship in perpetuity. She views the scholarship as an investment in UNCW students.

"In all of my 31 years at UNCW, I was impressed with our students," she said. "They are not only very bright, but very hard-working and dedicated."

Andrea Weaver is communications and marketing manager for University Advancement.

Bequest assists UNCW for generations to come

By including UNCW in her will, Barbara Greim has the satisfaction of knowing that the merit scholarship she founded will assist generations of students. If you would like to support UNCW through your will, or if you want to learn about other planned giving opportunities, please contact Chris Clapp, planned giving director, at 910.962.3214.

As recipient of the Computer Science Chair's Scholarship, UNCW senior Anthony Hardison has benefited directly from Barbara Greim's generosity.

Seahawks on the line

A team of UNCW students has been hard at work since late August working the phones for the annual fund phonathon. The students have contacted thousands of UNCW alumni and friends as well as current students' families to request support for several educational uses, including scholarships, programs and faculty awards.

By the end of September, the student callers secured pledges from more than 1,000 alumni.

To all those who have made a pledge, thank you!

The phonathon continues through mid-December.

When your call comes, please take the time to talk with one of the UNCW students. You'll learn a lot about the university and have the opportunity to make a lasting investment in education at UNCW.

C. Heather Jones, a freshman from Durham, is one of the smiling faces on the other end of the phone line to alumni and friends who are being contacted as part of the annual fund phonathon.

Sophomore Eric Irrgang of Kennett, Pa., calls potential donors and records their response in a computer database.

Clubs, societies recognize donors

Everyone who gives to UNCW is included in a giving club or society – it's the university's way to say "thank you" to its generous donors.

UNCW Annual Giving Clubs

Club recognition levels are based on the gift amounts donors contribute within a fiscal year.

Collegiate Club	$1-$99
Leadership Club	$100-$499
Deans' Club	$500-$999
Provost's Club	$1,000-$2,499
Chancellor's Club	
Bronze Level	$2,500-$9,999
Silver Level	$10,000-$24,999
Gold Level	$25,000 and up

Anchor Society

UNCW's Anchor Society honors individuals, corporations and foundations with lifetime giving of $100,000 or more. This society honors the leadership and extraordinary support of those who have demonstrated exceptional commitment in the future growth and advancement of the university.

Anchor Society	$100,000-$249,999
Bronze Anchor Society	$250,000-$499,999
Silver Anchor Society	$500,000-$1,999,999
Golden Anchor Society	$2 million and more

E.L. White Planned Giving Society

The E.L. White Planned Giving Society recognizes and honors alumni and friends who inform the university of their intent to invest in UNCW's future growth through planned or deferred giving arrangements. Such information allows the university to ensure that the gift will be used as the donor intended and provides the opportunity for recognition of support for UNCW's future excellence. Deferred gifts may take the form of a bequest through a will, trust, annuity or gift of life insurance.

Colonnade Campaign off to good start

The UNCW Parents Council is working to enrich student life on campus through its work with the University Union Colonnade Campaign.

The Division of Student Affairs has embarked on a project that will double the University Union's space as well as increase programs available to students. By building a new student center and renovating the existing union and Burney Center, UNCW hopes to create a "core campus" that will act as a natural gathering place for students.

The Parents Council has agreed to give this project a special finishing touch by building a colonnade that will connect all three buildings. Their hope that it will become a long-standing symbol of excellence at UNCW and all will know it was made possible through the generosity of the Parents Council.

With $95,000 in receipts and firm pledges in hand, the council has made a strong start toward reaching the $325,000 construction fund goal by spring 2006.

Dale Parker represented the Parents Council and the Colonnade Campaign at the University Union groundbreaking ceremony in August.

To become part of a select group of parents shaping the future of the university by contributing to the Colonnade Campaign, please contact Stephanie David, Parents Council director, at 910.962.2659 or davids@uncw.edu.

Chancellor Rasemary DePaola chats with UNCW parents Lais and Barry Ostrow of Raleigh at the hame of Tharne and Kotrina James in Raleigh.

Sophamare Tyler Wooden, son of Judy and Sunny Waoden, welcamed guests ta his hame in Durham. He stands next an illustratian af the University Unian colonnade far which the UNCW Parents Council is raising funds.

Parents Council welcomes new students

Members of the Parents Council hosted a series of events around North Carolina during the summer that gave Chancellor Rosemary DePaolo an opportunity to meet incoming students and their parents.

Parents who hosted events include Paula and Landis Bullock of Smithfield, Katrina and Thorne James of Raleigh, Judy and Sunny Wooden of Durham, Jeanine and Thom Cross of Jamestown and Lee Helms of Lake Norman.

Left: Triple legacy Nicholas D. Benton of Carolina Beach, received "legacy" lapel pin from his mother, Gina Benton '81, '90, and his paternal grandmother, Mary Ellen Benton '76.

Middle: Eileen Reardon Cedzo '75 of Fayetteville is proud her daughter Ashley is continuing a family tradition of attending UNCW.

Right: Zach Davis of Jacksonville is pinned by his mother Sandra who graduated from UNCW in 1979. He became familiar with UNCW by running high school crosscountry track an campus. "I came to orientation, and I was sold on UNCW after that," he said. Sandra, who teaches kindergarten at Carolina Forest Elementary in Jacksonville, spoke fondly of Andy and Hathia Hayes in the Watson School of Education and proudly about the partnership between the Onslow County Schools and the Watson School of Education. "UNCW has changed so much since I was here," she said. "It's a very pleasing campus."

New legacy program celebrates *UNCW tradition*

By Mimi Cunningham

Among the 1,950 freshmen who enrolled this fall, 51 students have a parent who is a UNCW alumnus. Three have the distinction of being the grandchild of a UNCW graduate as well.

"While UNCW is still a young university, at 57 we are now old enough to start seeing children of our alumni coming to their own alma mater," Chancellor Rosemary DePaolo said at the university's first legacy pinning ceremony.

"Your connection to UNCW is very special," Ed Vosnock, UNCW Alumni Association chair, noted.

Triple legacy Nicholas D. Benton, freshman from Carolina Beach, received the distinctive gold "legacy" lapel pin with teal stone from his mother, Gina Benton '81, '90, and his paternal grandmother, Mary Ellen Benton '76.

Although he had several choices where to go to college, Nicholas said he chose UNCW because "I've lived here my whole life, grew up in Carolina Beach, and I didn't want to move anywhere else."

"And I let him know I got a good education here," added his mother Gina. He plans to double major with at least one major being Spanish.

His prior experience with UNCW was "skateboarding here when I was little." When his mother returned to UNCW in the late 1980s to get a teaching certificate, Nicholas would accompany her to class if she couldn't get a baby sitter. She fondly remembered how education professor Rich Huber let her bring him to class and would give the toddler toys to play with to keep him occupied.

Now a language arts and social studies teacher at Murray Middle School, Gina stressed that it is important for adults to realize there are programs at UNCW for them, not just for high school graduates.

Nicholas' grandmother Mary Ellen, who said UNCW was where she thought Nicholas should go from the beginning, first came to UNCW in 1974 when she was 44 years old.

"I worked at Wachovia across the street and looked over at UNCW all the time," she said. When she reached the top of her pay scale there, she worked up her courage and came over to talk about applying to the nursing program. "I had always wanted to be a nurse, so I did it."

Mary Ellen received her associate's degree in nursing in 1976 and had a career in public and occupational health until she retired.

She said her education at UNCW "really opened my life," giving her the confidence to pursue a variety of experiences, including 17 trips outside the United States to do mission work. She lives in Burgaw.

Another legacy is Ashley Cedzo of Fayetteville, whose mother is Eileen Reardon Cedzo '75. Her aunt Erin Reardon also graduated from UNCW in 1985, and her sister Katie Cedzo plans to enroll at UNCW in 2005.

Eileen was shocked but very pleased that her oldest daughter Ashley picked UNCW because she considered majoring in marine biology at universities in Florida and Hawaii. After her junior year at the North Carolina School of Science and Math, Ashley attended the residential Summer Ventures in Science and Math program at UNCW.

"In Summer Ventures, I met some wonderful professors that I stayed in touch with doing research my senior year," Ashley said. "I worked with Dr. Lynn Leonard at the Center for Marine Science studying nutrient concentration data from the Coastal Ocean Research and Monitoring Program. Although my classmates told me I should apply to Yale or Duke, after Summer Ventures, I knew UNCW was the school for me."

Ashley wasted no time getting involved in campus life. She helped the College Democrats host a campus visit by vice presidential candidate John Edwards, and she's involved with the Marine Mammal Stranding Network, Circle K and crew team, which she says is "super exciting."

Her mother Eileen, who recalled that when she attended UNCW there was just one dorm on campus, accidentally fell into a career of social work after majoring in English and secondary education. She is an in-home therapist with Cumberland County Mental Health's Smart Start.

Mimi Cunningham is assistant to the chancellor for university relations.

Alumni adapt to changes

Since the incorporation of the UNCW Alumni Association in 1979, change has been the norm.

In the early days, we met in a room in Alderman Hall on campus; now we conduct our business in our own Wise Alumni House. This was accomplished by raising over $800,000 from alumni and other supporters to turn a neglected historic structure into a grand home for all our alumni.

From this location a multitude of tasks and events take place. The main focus of all this energy is to support the university and to keep the 35,000-plus alumni connected to their alma mater. This daunting task in 1979 had only a director to help move it along. Today a staff of three serves the association

As it was in 1979 and as it is today, our association is understaffed needs of the university, the students who are our future alumni ar

I would be remiss if I did not mention the backbone of the alumi directors composed of 21 core board members, five alternate board ers, five honorary lifetime members, six ex-officio members and 1

From this group of dedicated volunteers comes the energy and su tion which has grown from a handful of events in 1979 to a calen up two full printed pages. In addition, the university provides m to our association.

One of our primary focuses today is to raise money to provide merit We currently fund 15 scholarships. Some are endowed and nan association can think of no better way to support our university t of program

With your continued financial support, we will be able to maintain worthy program. You, our alumni, can endow a scholarship in your n name as a tribute. This type of contribution is truly what giving bac

For those of you who do not know, our executive director, Pat Core down from her position after 11 years of exemplary service to the versity. A search is underway for a new executive director, and six association board are serving on the committee. It is hoped that a ne be on board by the first of January.

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Through our association's organizational skills and structure, we w... conduct business as usual. However, our association does feel the effects of this vacant position. We ask for your patience and understanding should any unresolved issues arise.

Again, thank you for your continued support as we strive to move forward.

Edward J Vosnock

Edward Vosnock is chair of the UNCW Alumni Association

Awards recognize contributions

Do you know someone who has made an outstanding contribution to the University of North Carolina Wilmington and the community?

The UNCW Alumni Association is seeking nominations of such individuals for its annual awards program. Two awards will be presented Feb. 5 at a formal dinner Homecoming Weekend in the Warwick Center ballroom.

The Alumnus/Alumna of the Year Award is open to all men and women who attended and/or graduated from Wilmington College or UNCW. The Distinguished Citizen Award is open to anyone for notable service to the univers...

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Ray Cockrell '88, '96M, who served as alumni baard chair from 2002 to 2004, presents Pat C. Smith '72 with a plaque that recognizes her years of service to the assaciation by having a scholarship named in her honor. The baard is now warking to endow that scholarship.

Scholarship to honor former director

In honor of its former executive director, the UNCW Alumni Association Board of Directors is undertaking a drive to raise funds that would endow a scholarship for Pat C. Smith '72.

The longest serving director in the association's history with 11 years of service, Smith resigned in June. She has taken a position as instructional leader of N.C. Quest, a grant program managed by the Watson School of Education.

"Pat was a source of inspiration to the organization she so willingly served," said board chair Ed Vosnock. "Her dedication to the university and alumni association was extraordinary."

Under her leadership, the alumni association experienced tremendous growth and increased support. As the number of alumni rose from 19,000 to approximately 35,000, the number of chartered and affiliate alumni chapters increased from five to 20, and a council was formed to serve the growing number of young alumni.

The association raised more than $800,000 to renovate Wise Alumni House; established four endowed scholarships bringing the total number to 15; instituted Distinguished Faculty, Outstanding Young Alumnus, Soaring Chapter and Rookie of the Year awards; erected historic road markers for Wilmington College and Wise/Kenan houses; celebrated its 30th anniversary; conducted numerous regional alumni outreach programs, some in collaboration with other university programs/offices; raffled a boat, two vehicles and a motorcycle; won an international CASE award; reengaged Wilmington College alumni; got the UNCW Seahawk collegiate license plate on the road; had the first alumni directory published; hosted successful fundraising events like the Designers Showcase and Fantasy Auction; set up a credit card program benefiting the alumni association; and worked to engage students through Ambassadors, Senior Salute and other programs.

"What we ask from alumni is your support to endow a scholarship in her name," Vosnock said. "This will honor her for the job performed so gracefully during her tenure."

The minimum amount of money needed is $25,000.

For more information, please contact the Alumni Relations Office at 910.962.2682.

Louis F. Buttino, film studies, was awarded the third annual J. Marshall Crews Distinguished Faculty Award spansared by the Past Chairs' Council af the UNCW Alumni Assaciation. Pictured with him are Jim Stasias '70, council member, and Ed Vasnack '71, alumni baard chair. Buttino received a $500 cash stipend and a medallian. His nominatar said he "has the unique ability ta instill the desire to learn without a student realizing it. His caring far each and every student, whether an an academic ar personal level, is commendable and one I have nat encountered before. It is abvious he has a passion far teaching, far the community and far humanity."

Mark your calendar for Homecoming

UNCW Alumni Association will celebrate Homecoming Feb. 4-6, 2005.

Planned events include the annual awards dinner on Friday, Feb. 4 and a pregame social at 2 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 5 in the Hawks Nest. The UNCW Seahawks play Old Dominion University at 4 p.m. in Trask Coliseum. Alumni board chair Ed Vosnock '71 will crown the Homecoming queen at half-time.

On Sunday, Feb. 6 the Lady Seahawks play Delaware at 2 p.m. in Trask Coliseum.

For more information on these and other Homecoming activities, please contact the UNCW Alumni Relations Office at 910.962.2682.

First Parker scholarship awarded

The first in her family to attend college, Tonga Boney of Rose Hill was recognized for her academic achievement with the first Ralph Parker Scholarship at the University of North Carolina Wilmington.

The scholarship was endowed by the African American Graduates Association of the UNCW Alumni Association. It is named for Ralph Parker of Southport, retired director of minority affairs at UNCW.

The 44-year-old single mother will use the $700 award to help cover the cost of books and gas as she pursues a degree in special education.

Boney said she wants to "help children that need extra help – to reach into or out to others. It is going to be rewarding."

She worked for many years in hosiery and chicken processing plants before being injured. That injury made her realize she "had to get out of the plants and go back to school," she said.

The 1978 Wallace-Rose Hill High School graduate enrolled in James Sprunt Community College, earning an associate's degree in 2003. She expects to get her bachelor's degree from UNCW in 2006 and hopes to go on to earn a master's degree.

Ralph Parker, former director of minority affairs at UNCW, watches as Tonga Boney receives the first scholarship given in his honor. It was endowed by AAGA.

Venafro focuses on *The First 48*

By Charlotte Laé

Joe Venafro '97 has been following some homicide detectives all around the country for two years.

He films them and the investigations during the first 48 critical hours as they race against time to find the suspect.

He is one of the producers of the A&E reality show, *The First 48*.

Venafro grew up in Fairfax, Va., and arrived at UNCW in 1994, thinking he would be a marine biologist and spend his life swimming with the dolphins on some island. But his talents led him to the English Department.

"My English professors encouraged creativity and thinking outside the box. No thought was wrong or necessarily right – just my own. I met Paul Wilkes, who teaches documentary film and magazine writing. He is and continues to be a great friend and mentor. He pushed and pushed and pushed me," Venafro said.

After graduation, he took a job at IBM in Raleigh for two years as a technical writer.

In 2000 he left for China where he taught English for two years. When he returned, he enrolled in the Columbia University Graduate School of Journalism and after graduation he freelanced as a writer in New York. He landed a job in 2002 at Granada USA Entertainment, a production company that makes television documentaries, where he works as producer and video journalist.

"What I like about my job is the rush of it all. That's what it comes down to…the rush. I've filmed over 500 dead bodies. Homicides, suicides, naturals, accidentals. Yes, death can be horrific, but it has made me appreciate my days, hours, minutes for the gift they are. I also like being emotionally involved, with the case and the detectives. I cheer when we get the bad guy," Venafro said.

Venafro's focus is not only on murders. He was also involved in the World Birthday show on the Learning Channel. The series showed nine childbirths on the same day in nine different countries.

"I've been lucky to have a first hand look into life's beginning and brutal end. It has made me appreciate everything in between," he said.

Earth Sciences Chapter growing

The UNCW Earth Sciences Alumni Chapter is growing with each activity.

The chapter hosted a picnic at the Hugh MacRae Park in August. Alumni, professors and their families met for hot dogs, hamburgers and good stories. Members talked about getting the students involved with the chapter and having more social/networking activities.

For more information please, contact Kristen Dougherty Dunn '97 at doc@ec.rr.com.

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By Gia Todd Long '91

prides itself on student involvement

The African American Graduate Association (AAGA) has been constantly working to increase its involvement with undergraduate students.

A few years ago, the organization established Senior Sankofa, which symbolizes an African rite of passage for graduating African-American students. This traditional biannual event, held at the Wise Alumni House, is supported through the presence and participation of UNCW administrators, faculty, staff and alumni.

The chapter held a successful retreat this past June filled with workshops and social events. The largest retreat function was a picnic held at Hugh MacRae Park. There were more than 70 African-American alumni from New Hanover and surrounding counties in attendance. There were alumni present who graduated in the 1970s through 2004 making it an enjoyable time to share ideas.

Homecoming 2005 will be a fun-filled weekend with plenty of activities planned for alumni as well as undergraduate students. AAGA has worked with the Association for Campus Entertainment on several events.

On Friday, Feb. 4 there will be a homecoming parade in the early afternoon followed by a meet-and-greet social in University Union, Room 100. A step show is planned for Friday night with teams competing from various schools in North Carolina.

On the morning of Saturday, Feb. 5 AAGA members will gather for their annual business meeting where newly elected officers will be installed. The officers are as follows: Gia Todd Long '91, president, Earlene Spencer '89, vice president, Lora Eason '88, treasurer, and Cathy Wilder '90 and '98, secretary.

On Saturday afternoon, AAGA will host a luncheon with a special guest speaker. The group will recognize the first Ralph Parker Scholarship recipient, Tonga Boney. After the men's basketball game, AAGA, in conjunction with ACE, is planning a social gathering for alumni and undergraduate students.

Gia Todd Long '91 serves on the UNCW Alumni Association Board of Directors.

The side garden at Wise Alumni House was the setting for the spring Senior Sankofa ceremony sponsored by the African American Graduates Association.

Outstanding work honored

Each year, the UNCW Alumni Association recognizes the outstanding achievements of its members.

Robert Warren '74 was named Rookie of the Year for outstanding service as a first-year board member.

The Cameron School of Business Alumni Chapter, led by Melissa Blackburn-Walton '87, received the Soaring Chapter of the Year award for outstanding programming and service to alumni and the university. The chapter was very involved in activities surrounding the school's 25th anniversary celebration.

Jim Stasios '70 and Shanda Williams Bordeaux '92 were named honorary lifetime board members for their continued support of the association and the university.

Nursing alumni awarded fellowships

Sandra O'Donnell '02 and Leann Dillon '02 were awarded two-year $19,000 nursing fellowships funded by the U.S. Department of Labor through the N.C. Department of Commerce.

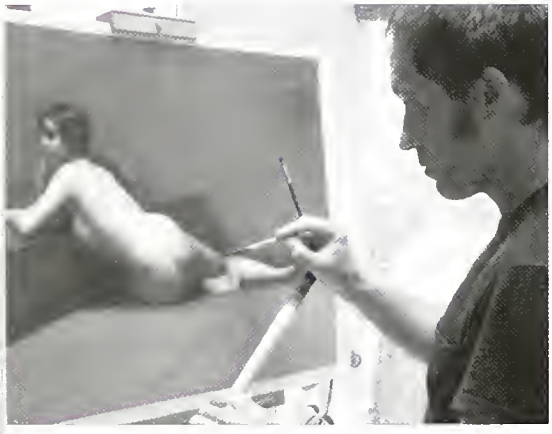
Both are pursuing master's degrees with the new nurse educator option.

As fellowship recipients, O'Donnell and Dillion are required to teach nursing education for one year full-time or two years part-time for each year the fellowship is received.

Seymour has eye for detail in drawings

By Charlotte Laé

The figures are so realistic; a casual observer would think they are black and white photos. The details in charcoal, carbon pencil and graphite drawings by Travis Seymour '01 show just what a talented artist this young man is.



Artist Travis Seymour '01 adds detail to a figure drawing. His artwork was on display at UNCW this summer. He has since returned to Florence, Italy, where he is studying figurative art at the Angel Academy of Art.

Seymour returned to UNCW this summer for his first solo exhibition in Kenan Hall.

"It was very successful. The students were very interested in it as well as the people from the community," said a former professor Donald Furst.

Furst, who is chair of the UNCW Department of Art and Theatre and professor of art, invited Seymour to exhibit his work because he studies the 19th century traditions of the French Academy. "Not many people study that way any more," Furst said.

Seymour is in his third year studying figurative art at the Angel Academy of Art in Florence, Italy.

Despite his obvious talent, Seymour, 29, doesn't consider himself an artist yet.

"I am trying to achieve a level of mastery of skills so that there are no technical aspects inhibiting my ability to be creative," Seymour said. "Art is not a gift, and you have to work very hard for it, whereas creativity is something that you have or you don't have," he added.

"His method of study is more rigorous than college students are accustomed to," Furst said of Seymour.

"I spend anywhere from eight to 10 hours a day drawing or painting. It is this type of daily intense study of my materials and of objective reality that I intend to master before applying these skills to future creative projects," Seymour said.

During his art education at UNCW, Seymour realized how much one has to apply individually, how serious one has to be to master the technical aspects of drawing or painting.

"I remember professor Stephen LeQuire expected so much out of us, I thought it was awesome. He motivated me to do even more," Seymour said.

"The main thing that I learned through the years is that you have to be patient. This was a real challenge for me. I understood that it is not the details that matters, but it is the overall image and that is where you should start," Seymour said. "Most young students when they draw a portrait start with the eyes and go into the details of the eyelash and the pupil, but in reality, the most important is the figure."

"His work is very observant of the effect of light and shadow; he is very skillful in showing proportions and modeling," Furst pointed out.

After completing his three years of training in Italy in 2006, Seymour will return to United States to be a professional artist.

Charlotte Laé of Normandy, France, is a graduate of the Communication and Journalism School of Marseille in the University of Aix-Marseille II. She spent the summer as an intern in the UNCW Office of University Relations.

Chancellor Rosemary DePaolo presents Robert Warren '74 with the 2004 UNCW Staff Award of Excellence at the university's 29th annual Service Awards Program. Warren, superintendent of landscape services, was also recognized for 20 years of service to the university. He is a member of the UNCW Alumni Association Board of Directors.

Socials promote Seahawk spirit

Join fellow alumni and friends to celebrate the men's basketball season during upcoming socials in the Hawk's Nest.

- **Jan. 15 – Mexican Fiesta** from 5 to 6:30 p.m. UNCW plays Towson at 7 p.m.
- **Homecoming, Feb. 5 –** Soups, Sandwiches & Sweets from 2 to 3:30 p.m. UNCW plays Old Dominion at 4 p.m.
- **Feb. 19 – Chicken Pickin'** from 5 to 6:30 p.m. UNCW plays James Madison University at 7 p.m.

Reservations are required for each social and can be made by calling the alumni relations office.

Admission is $10 a person in advance or $12 at the door. Children, ages six to 12, will be admitted for $5 each; there is no charge for children five and under.

Active alumni and friends who contribute $250 or more annually to the UNCW Alumni Association or Wise Alumni House will be admitted to each social with one guest for half-price at $5 a person.

Door prizes will be awarded at each event.

What's left after the *Dream Job*?

springboard to dream job 'bigger, better' future

By Charlotte Laé

For Carol Silver it would be the *New York Times* bestseller list or the Oscars. The UNCW alumna is the co-creator and producer of the highly successful ESPN reality show *Dream Job*.

According to Reality News Online, "The series premiered to 1.1 million viewers and maintained an average of over a million viewers during its six-episode run despite airing in a highly competitive Sunday evening time period." The second season got underway in September.

Silver, who grew up in New Jersey and Apex, N.C., always knew she wanted to be in the television and film industries. So when she arrived at UNCW in 1991, she started building her resume.

With the help of then-Chancellor James R. Leutze and a TV producer from Chapel Hill, she made a video promoting UNCW to high school seniors. Then she did multiple internships. During her sophomore year at UNCW, she interned at Carolco Studios. After her junior year, she interned at MTV in New York City, then took a semester off from her college studies to work there as an assistant.

She graduated from UNCW in 1995, having majored in English and creative writing, confident about the future.

"Professor Lee Schweninger really believed in my work and championed me. Professor Barbara Waxman read many of my essays out loud to the class ... which definitely boosted my confidence," Silver said.

She moved to New York City and worked hard as a freelancer for TV stations as well as for MTV and ABC Sports in order to find her place.

Then, in 1997 Silver joined the Integrated Sales and Marketing Department at ESPN, rising to director in the Special Events Office. However, she was still passionate about writing; she continued to send out film scripts and show ideas and received good feedback. After almost five years with ESPN, she left to be a full-time, independent writer, pitching show ideas to the networks.

"When I worked for ESPN, I traveled quite a bit. And when people hear you work for ESPN, they automatically say, 'Wow. That's my dream job' without even knowing what exactly you do. ESPN fans are also very opinionated about who they like to see giving them their sports news every day. And for some reason, they seem to think they can do it better," Silver said.

Building off that notion, Silver came up with "find a genius kid sportscaster" idea for a show.

"A lot of the current elements were in place: the nationwide casting tour, fighting for the one prize etc., but ESPN management wasn't ready to pursue a program that focused mostly on kids. So, they helped me tweak it to a concept more suitable for ESPN. And somewhere along the line, *Dream Job* was born," said Silver.

"This is very rewarding, it is a great feeling," she said, but she is still hoping bigger and better in the future.

Indeed, Silver has big plans. She has written a children's movie and is pitching some scripts for television. She also just finished her first book: *Taboo Tips for the Teenage Diva...and Other Tales Straight Off the Chick Battlefield*.

And perhaps, if these pursuits are as successful as the program *Dream Job*, she could be on the *New York Times* bestseller list or win an Oscar.

Her advice to the UNCW students who want to get into the TV and film business would be: "Get as many internships as you can, even unpaid; work for free. That puts you ahead of the others. I see so many young people working in this very competitive industry and expecting to have the best jobs, while you need to pay your dues," she said.

Carol Silver is pictured with Al Joffe, vice president of talent negotiation and production recruitment at ESPN and Dream Job *judge; Dontrelle Willis, Florida Marlins pitcher; and Stuart Scott, ESPN anchor and* Dream Job *host.*

Katie Carbone '00 is pictured with Gov. Mike Easley during a stop in August at the UNCW bookstore. Carbone was 2003-04 Teacher of the Year at Myrtle Grove Middle School where she teaches eighth grade math.

High achievers awarded scholarships

Meredith Leeds of Wilmington is preparing for a career as an orthodontist.

Lindsay Morton of Jacksonville wants to go to medical school and join Doctors without Borders.

Bethany Nuckolls of Concord plans to be a science fiction author.

Mary "Charley" McArthur of Chadbourn spent last year at the University of Arizona as part of the National Student Exchange. She has returned to UNCW for her senior year and hopes to graduate in May with a bachelor's in biology and a minor in Spanish, with the honorary distinction summa cum laude as well as university and departmental honors.

All four of these UNCW students are high achievers, excelling in the classroom as well as in their extracurricular activities. They are also all recipients of the 2004-05 UNCW Alumni Association merit scholarship awards.

A total of 14 merit scholarships averaging $1,500 were awarded; each recipient was required to have a minimum 3.5 grade point average. The Jim Humphries Scholarship, presented to Hunter Coore of Wilmington, is awarded to a student with a minimum 2.5 GPA who is an active student leader.

Leeds received the Henry Hugh Fox award. Morton and Nuckolls both received a UNCW Alumni Association scholarship. McArthur received the Gerald H. Shinn Alumni Merit Scholarship.

The other merit scholarship recipients are:

New undergraduate – Andrea Padgett of Jacksonville, Bob King Endowed Scholarship.

Undergraduate renewals – Brendan Murphy of Four Oaks, Wilmington residents Emily Hall, Michael Harrington and Sandra Tatum, and Megan Antes of Wilmington, Wilmington College Endowed Scholarship.

Graduate – Jennifer Hanes of Wilmington, Lewis/Wiley Alumni Endowed Fellowship, and Susan Bean of Castle Hayne, P. Daniel Lockamy Alumni Scholarship.

Athletics – pole vaulter Austin Patterson of Norwood and golfer Michelle Jarmon of Wilmington.

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Bob King '66 of Wilmington was awarded the GMC Leaders of Distinction Award. The award is based on stringent performances in overall sales volume, customer satisfaction, sales and service training. King is the third largest GMC dealer in the 11-state southeast region and among the top five percent of dealers in the nation

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Wayne Shew '71 was named interim provost of Birmingham-Southern College for the 2004-05 academic year. Shew, who is the Ada Rittenhouse Snavely Professor of Biology, joined the college in 1978. He was chair of the Division of Science and Mathematics and is a past recipient of the Exemplary Teacher Award from the Board of Higher Education and Campus Ministry of the United Methodist Church.

Brissette

Estelle "Tish" Brissette '75 joined Prudential Real Estate as a realtor. She previously owned several travel agencies in the Wilmington area and was tourism manager for the Greater Wilmington Chamber of Commerce. Tish is a member of the UNCW Alumni Association Board of Directors.

Wayne Tharp '75 was named branch manager of Summit Credit Union's Sun Prairie branch. He is responsible for the growth and development of the branch and his staff and ensuring exceptional member service. He and his wife, **Judy Rabon Tharp '78**, recently relocated to Madison, Wisc., from South Carolina.

Cynthia De Fusco '75 of Emerald Isle passed the Certified MBA exam and was awarded the CMBA designation by the International Certification Institute. De Fusco is among the first group of MBAs to earn the distinction and is a charter member of Association of Certified MBAs. She earned a Master of Business Administration from Boston University and serves as an adjunct faculty member and academic advisor at Webster University, Extended Campus at Camp Lejeune.

Robert Russell '79, jazz instructor at UNCW, has released a CD titled *Watch This!* More information can be found at his Web site www.bobrussellguitar.com.

Ronald M. Coley Jr. '79 was promoted to principal of North Asheboro Middle School, he was previously assistant principal at Asheboro High School. Coley is a graduate of the Principal Fellows Program at UNCW

As part of the N.C. Arts Council initiative to develop thematic trails statewide for art, crafts and agri-tourism, **Greta Anita Lint '79** of Asheboro is in charge of developing the biggest geographic portion, from the I-95 corridor to Black Mountain.

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S. Cory Gore Jr. '80 is vice president, construction loan specialist, in the Wilmington office of East Carolina Bank. He is pursuing a Master of Business Administration degree at UNCW. He and his wife, **Jill Davis Gore '84**, have two daughters and reside in Wilmington

Marine Corps Reserve Col. Jeffrey D. Cole '81 was promoted to his current rank while serving with Marine Corps Security Battalion, Fort Meade, Md. Cole was promoted based on sustained superior job performance and proficiency in his designated specialty.

Bettie Fennell '81 has retired from the *Wilmington Star-News* where she was a reporter covering city and county issues.

Dean Knight '81, '87M was featured in the summer 2004 issue of *The Palace*, the magazine of the Tryon Palace Council of Friends. The story details his years of service to the palace, first as volunteer and now as registrar. He is in charge of cataloguing the palace's collections and making them accessible online at www.tryonpalace.org.

Mark Perlotto '83 of Woodstock, Ga., was named executive vice president, chief marketing officer, for Adair-Greene Healthcare Communications. He will provide strategic counsel and insure the integrity of agency proposals to new and current clients. He has been with Adair-Greene since 1996.

Donna Meacham '85 of Wilmington is interim chief financial officer at Bladen County Hospital

Holth-Nguyen

As 2004 Mrs. North Carolina International, **Susan Holth-Nguyen '89** of Boiling Spring Lakes represented the state at the 2004 Mrs. International Pageant in July. Her platform was "SOS," Save Our Skin, which focused on skin cancer awareness and prevention. She is employed by Progress Energy at the Brunswick Nuclear Plant.

90s

Bryce Fleming '93 was promoted to superintendent IV, in charge of seven state parks at Kerr Lake in Vance County, N.C.

Andrew S. Harrower '93 of Charlotte was awarded a Master of Business Administration degree in July from Winthrop University.

Key

Tim Key '93 is vice president, retail market executive, with First Citizens Bank in Charlotte.

Monique Kulenic Robbins '93 received National Board Teacher Certification. She is a K-6 teacher at Parsley Elementary School in Wilmington.

Livian Jones '95M was named marketing director for the Wilmington office of John S. Clark Company Inc.

George Moore IIII '96 is the chief operations officer for Arsenic Removal Technologies, a subsidiary of HydroFlo Inc. in Raleigh, where he will be responsible for research and development of additional applications of the technology as well as day-to-day operations of the company. He is listed as a team member on three U.S. patents and three registered inventions in his own name.

Brian R. Bullard '97 is associate director of federal government affairs with the American Association of Nurse Anesthetists in Washington, D.C.

Lamont Franklin '97 is an assistant men's basketball coach at the College of Charleston.

Katherine Makepeace '98 is director of corporation relations for the American Heart Association in the Wilmington area.

Stephen Battle '99 is a mortgage loan originator with Citizens Mortgage.

Jonathan D. Auten '99 graduated in June from the Philadelphia College of Osteopathic Medicine with the degree of doctor of osteopathic medicine. He was commissioned as a lieutenant in the U.S. Navy and will serve his internship at the Naval Sciences Hospital in San Diego, Calif.

Stephanie Francis '99 is employed by Area Education Agency 267 in Cedar Falls, Iowa, as a consultant for gifted education and science. She earned a Master of Arts Degree in education from the University of North Iowa and is the mother of three.

Shann Richards '99 was part of a three-man show titled Telemetry held this fall at SimmonsWright Gallery in Wilmington. His artwork portrays mysterious veiled women bathed in light. He is enrolled in a studio program at Empire State University in New York City.

00s

Sara Brigman '00 was awarded a Doctor of Optometry degree from the Pennsylvania College of Optometry.

Mindy J. Chryst '00 of Matthews was awarded a Master of Business Administration degree in July from Winthrop University.

Amy Helms '00M is controller for Stevens Building Company of Wilmington, responsible for corporate financial advising. She will oversee the accounting department.

Beverly Hudson '00 is enrolled in the Duke University Doctor of Physical Therapy Program.

Crystal King '00 was featured in the Aug. 18 edition of the *State Port Pilot* in a story about first-year teachers preparing for the first day of school. She teaches at South Brunswick Middle School.

Penny Mann '00 was commissioned by Cooperative Baptist Fellowship Global Missions to serve in Pecs, Hungary.

Samantha Nixon '00 is a child welfare social worker at the Pender County Department of Social Services. On June 30 she received dual recognition – Employee of the Year and Social Worker of the Year. This dual awards' occurrence was the first in the 22-year history of the department.

Navy Seaman Jared R. Arnette '01 completed the eight-week U.S Navy basic training at Recruit Training Command, Great Lakes, Ill.

Jeannette N. De Renne '01 earned her master's degree in urban regional planning from Virginia Commonwealth University in Richmond and now works as a city planner in Easton, Pa.

Brian DeVido '01M had his first novel *Every Time I Talk to Liston* published by Bloomsbury USA and reviewed in the May 16 edition of the *New York Times Book Review*.

Jessica Fisher '01 is enrolled in the UNC Chapel Hill School of Medicine.

James D. Grimes '01 was awarded a Juris Doctorate from the Norman Adrian Wiggins School of Law at Campbell University. He was also inducted in the National Society of the Order of the Barristers. He plans to enter private practice in Charlotte.

Alison Jones '01 accompanied 17 nursing and doctoral students from across the U.S. for a two-month program at the National Institute of Nursing Research's intramural summer genetic institute in Bethesda. She is enrolled in the B.S.N. to Ph.D. program at the University of South Florida and plans to become a nurse physiologist.

John J. Kaiser '01 received a Juris Doctorate from Ohio Northern's Pettit College of Law at Ohio Northern University.

Matt Lutz '01 played the mentally handicapped brother of the lead character in the Hallmark Channel's by-the-book movie, *Murder without Conviction*, which aired in September.

Elizabeth Perry '01 was named head women's tennis coach at Elon University.

Vivian St. Juste '01, program coordinator for LITE or LINC Initiative to Educate, arranged to have the summer enrichment program held on the UNCW campus so participants could experience attending classes on a college campus. The 20-plus at-risk middle school age youngsters who attended are children of inmates or people under court supervision.

Amanda Wynn '01 received a $1,500 scholarship from USA Funds to help her pursue a Ph.D. in information systems at Nova Southeastern University.

Johnson

Paul Johnson '02 is financial services manager for First Citizen Bank in Southern Pines.

Adrien Lopez '02 is a Rotary Ambassadorial Scholar in Chile, sponsored by the Rotary Club's District 7730. She is working on a master's degree in social politics and human development.

Michael Fry '03 is the manager for technology development with the Greater Winston-Salem Chamber of Commerce.

Erin Lee '03 joined the sales staff of WSFX FOX 26 as an account executive.

Navy Seaman Jason E. Lee '03 completed the eight-week U.S Navy basic training at Recruit Training Command, Great Lakes, Ill.

Renae Lopez '03 is coordinator of the New Hanover County Health Department's Project Stop which helps pregnant women stop smoking. The program is funded by the March of Dimes.

Jason Rollins '03 works in the consumer brands department of Edelman Public Relations Worldwide in Atlanta.

Christiana Smith '03 was named employee benefits administrator by BB&T in Raleigh. She graduated from BB&T's Management Development Program and volunteers with the United Way of Forsyth County, N.C. Children's Hospital and Ronald McDonald House Charities.

David Smitherman '03M left his position as town manager of Elizabethtown to be the Lee County manager.

N.C. Court of Appeals Judge John M. Tyson '74 and his wife, Kirby '77, are pictured with First Lady Laura Bush during her visit to UNCW, when she spoke at a fund-raiser for U.S. Senate candidate Richard Burr, hosted by the College Republicans. In May Judge Tyson was awarded a Master of Law in the Judicial Process from the University of Virginia School of Law. He was a candidate for the N.C. Supreme Court in the November election.

Tameka Alston '04 was appointed special projects assistant for the YMCA of the Lower Cape Fear Inc. She will assist in the research and development of the YWCA's Racial Justice Program and recruit participants for the YWCA Racial Dialogue Study Circles.

Linda Tamami Black '04 was selected to participate in the Japan Exchange and Teaching Program. She is spending this year as an assistant language teacher in Fukuoka, Japan.

Ryan Boyle '04 is the Audubon Society's Wrightsville Beach coordinator for the 2004 season. He was featured in the May 20th *Lumina News* supplement *Channels*.

Ryan L. Coman '04 is an inside sales account executive for the Charlotte Bobcats whose inaugural season in the National Basketball Association began Nov. 4.

Hoang-Anh Tran '04M received a Fulbright scholarship to study in Vietnam. She is the ninth UNCW student awarded this prestigious grant. She is writing a collection of poetry titled *Broken Echelon* that focuses on identity, language, family, religion and female voices.

weddings

Julia Stout '89 and Robert Siegel on Feb. 28, 2004. Julia is a partner in and the director of account service at DiReggio, an advertising and marketing firm in Yorktown Heights, N.Y. The couple resides in Manhattan, N.Y.

Bonner D. Herring '94 and Kara S. Spencer on June 4, 2004. Bonner is assistant sales manager for Gunn Company at Tesoro in Port St. Lucie. The couple resides in Palm City, Fla.

Brandon E. Keith '94 and Catherine E. Smith on July 3, 2004. Brandon is employed by Johnson and Johnson as Atlantic sales manager for DePuy Spine. They reside in Annapolis, Md.

Allan M. Frazelle Jr. '95 and Donna Ruch on June 12, 2004. Allan is a manager at Footlocker in the Jacksonville Mall. The couple resides in Wilmington.

Keith M. Allen '96 and Stephanie L. Williams on May 1, 2004. Keith is the director of information technology for Welcome Home Stores. The couple resides in Leland.

Molly M. Best '97 and James A. Russell on April 3, 2004. The couple resides in Newtownabbey, Ireland.

Kristen Dougherty '97 and **Charles M. Dunn '97** on May 15, 2004 at Wrightsville Beach. They are both realtors in Wilmington.

Van Wyke "Trey" Gunter III '97 and Erica J. Davis on March 13, 2004. Trey is employed by Central Carolina Bank. Erica is pursuing a Master of Public Administration degree at UNCW and is employed by Cape Fear Hospice & LifeCare Center. They reside in Wilmington.

Amanda G. Marshall '97 and **Brian W. Schoenwiesner '99** on May 22, 2004. Amanda is an instructional designer for G3 Media Inc., and Brian is employed at Paradigm Analytical Laboratories. The couple resides in Wilmington.

Kelly Ihne '99 and Jim Dimond on June 18, 2004. They reside in Hilton Head, S.C.

Benjamin I. Holcomb '00 and Kristen L. Roberts on April 24, 2004. Ben is an international tax consultant for PricewaterhouseCoopers. The couple resides in Charlotte.

Karen Elizabeth Vassar '00, '02M and **Jason Matthew Goodman '03M** on May 8, 2004. Karen is employed with Liberty Healthcare Management Inc. Jason is a lieutenant stationed at Camp Lejeune. The couple lives in Wilmington.

Shane M. Endres '01 and Lori E. Claffey on May 22, 2004. Shane is the manager at Rucker Johns Restaurant in Wilmington.

Allison C. Bullington '02 and **James J. Lee '02** on March 20, 2004. Allison is a project manager with Titan Publishing Corporation. James is business development manager with Signs by Tomorrow-USA Inc. The couple lives in Baltimore, Md.

J. Erin Gross '02 and Derek R. LaBarge on Dec. 6, 2003. Erin is employed at UNC Charlotte with the Global Institute for Energy and Environmental Systems. The couple resides in Charlotte.

Christina R. Hewett '02 and **Brian Flanigan '01** on July 31, 2004. Brian is a second lieutenant in the U.S. Air Force. The couple resides in Fort Walton Beach, Fla.

Misner

Stefanie Sage Wells '02 and **Ian J. Misner '02, '04M** on May 29, 2004. Stefanie is employed at the North Carolina Aquarium at Fort Fisher.

Margaret B. Williams '02M and John C. Guggenheimer on June 5, 2004. Margaret is the math and science resource specialist for New Hanover County Schools and a part-time instructor at UNCW. The couple lives in Wilmington.

Jayme L. Alexander '03 and Christopher A. Chleborowicz on June 5, 2004. Jayme teaches first grade at Pine Valley elementary. The couple resides in Wilmington.

John R. Calarco '03 and Rosalie Lewis on June 5, 2004. The couple lives in Wilmington.

Stephanie W. Cline '03 and Andrew L. Lanier of Sept. 18, 2004. They reside in Wilmington.

Margaret P. Edwards '03 and **Chad R. Brewer '04** on June 19, 2004. They reside in Wilmington.

Ingel N. Hamlin '03 and Benjamin N. Vann on April 3, 2004. Ingel works in management for GAP Inc. The couple lives in Wilmington.

Kathryn A. Duskie '04 and **James E. Jones '03** on Aug. 14, 2004. Kathryn pursuing a Master of Education in special education degree at UNC Charlotte, and James is employed at Financial Federal Credit Inc. They reside in Charlotte.

births

To **Janet Lawson '93** and **Darin A. '93 Farmer** of Holly Springs, a daughter, Piper Elizabeth, on Dec. 5, 2003. Darin works for Petsmart as district manager for Raleigh/Durham and eastern North Carolina. Jan is a full-time mom.

To **Raegan Little '95** and **G. Scott '92 Core**, a son, Joseph Scott, on April 21, 2004. Scott is a mechanic with Otis Elevator, and Raegan is a sales representative with Johnson & Johnson. They reside in Wilmington.

Core

To **Ronald "Lark" Stott '95** and his wife Elizabeth, a son, Joseph Larkin, on March 12, 2004. Lark is an engineer with CSXT Railroad.

Stott

To **Elaine Duck Young '97** and her husband David, a son, Ethan Paul, on Feb. 3, 2004. Elaine is a mortgage consultant with Coastal Mortgage in Charlotte.

To **Howard Luckenbaugh '99** and his wife Michelle, a daughter, Mackenzi Ryann, on May 17, 2004. Howard is employed by IBM.

Young

To **Morgan Harris '99** and **Kevin S. '99 McKoy**, a daughter, Ava Grace, on July 7, 2004.

Luckenbaugh

To **Melinda '01** and **Kent '99 Stanton** of Wilmington, a daughter, Kylea Paige, on July 19, 2003. Melinda is a registered nurse with New Hanover Regional Medical Center, and Kent is a mortgage consultant with Citizens Mortgage.

deaths

Vance Barbee '76 of Richlands on July 31, 2004. He was owner of the Center for Counseling and Evaluation in Richlands and a founder of the Onslow Women's Center, Onslow Charities and Second Chance Mission.

Robert W. Clary '76 of Wilmington on April 10, 2004. He was a retired New Hanover County teacher and owner of the business Treasures from the Heart.

friends

Robert H. "Bob" Byington died on June 10, 2004. He retired in 1966 as professor emeritus in the UNCW English Department. He was a faculty member for 20 years and had served as chair for a portion of time.

Virginia B. Sherman of Wilmington died on April 16, 2004. The Virginia and Derrick Sherman Emerging Scholars Lecture Series at UNCW was established in her and her husband's honor.

Girlvester (Sil) DeVane Anderson '86 is the recipient of the 2004 UNCW School of Nursing Outstanding Alumni award for her commitment to leadership in health care and human resource management. Anderson, with over 18 years of experience, is a national healthcare trainer and consultant and president and CEO of United Health Standards Inc., a national management consulting and training firm known for its creative and motivational ways of promoting excellence.

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19	UNCW Arts in Action Ronald K. Brown/Evidence Dance Company * Thalian Hall
22	UNCW Wind Symphony and Chamber Winds *
25-26	Thanksgiving UNCW Offices Closed
27-28	Dance Theatre of Wilmington *The Nutcracker* *

December

2	Last Day of Classes
3	UNCW Jazz Combo and Big Band
4	Wilmington Symphony Orchestra *Messiah* *
5	Wilmington Symphony Orchestra Walk-in *Messiah* *
4-10	Final Exams
11	Commencement
14	Lifelong Learning Series Dr. Elliot Engel * *The Genius of Mark Twain*
14	North Carolina Symphony Annual Holiday Concert *
27	Moscow Ballet *The Nutcracker* *
24-Jan 2	Winter Break

January 2005

5	Classes Begin
15	Basketball Pregame Social 5 to 6:30 p.m. Hawks Nest
17	Martin Luther King Jr. Holiday UNCW Offices Closed
18	Past Chairs' Council
19	Wilmington Concert Association Opera Verdi Europa: *Aida* *
22	Alumni Association Board of Directors Meeting
24	Leadership Lecture Series Jonah Goldberg and Peter Beinart *
27-28	UNCW Board of Trustees Meetings
29	UNCW Arts in Action Marcus Roberts Trio *

February

2	Wilmington Concert Association Prague Symphony Orchestra *
4-6	Homecoming
5	Basketball pregame social 2 to 3:30 p.m. Hawks Nest
17-20	UNCW Theatre *See How They Run* *
19	Basketball pregame social 5 to 6:30 p.m. Hawks Nest
23-26	Women's Basketball CAA Tournament Fairfax, Va.
26-Mar 6	Spring Break
TBA	Senior Seahawk Salute

March

4-7	Men's Basketball CAA Tournament Richmond, Va.
12	Arts in Action Mark O'Connor's Appalachia Waltz Trio *
14	Leadership Lecture Series Dr. Stanley Fish *
19-20	Wilmington Symphony Orchestra *
25	Easter Break UNCW Offices Closed

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Mary Charles "Charley" McArthur is an honors program scholar conducting a histological analysis of dolphin skin for her senior thesis.

"I'm excited to learn the techniques associated with histology and to experience doing research, writing a thesis, doing a presentation and defending my thesis," said McArthur, recipient of multiple scholarships. She is the daughter of Charles and Brenda '75 McArthur of Chadbourn.

The skills she acquires during the project will help McArthur pursue her long-term career goal – a doctorate in physical therapy.

Your support will help UNCW continue to attract high-quality students like Charley McArthur. To learn how you can contribute to or establish a scholarship at UNCW, please visit www.uncw.edu and click on "Give to UNCW."

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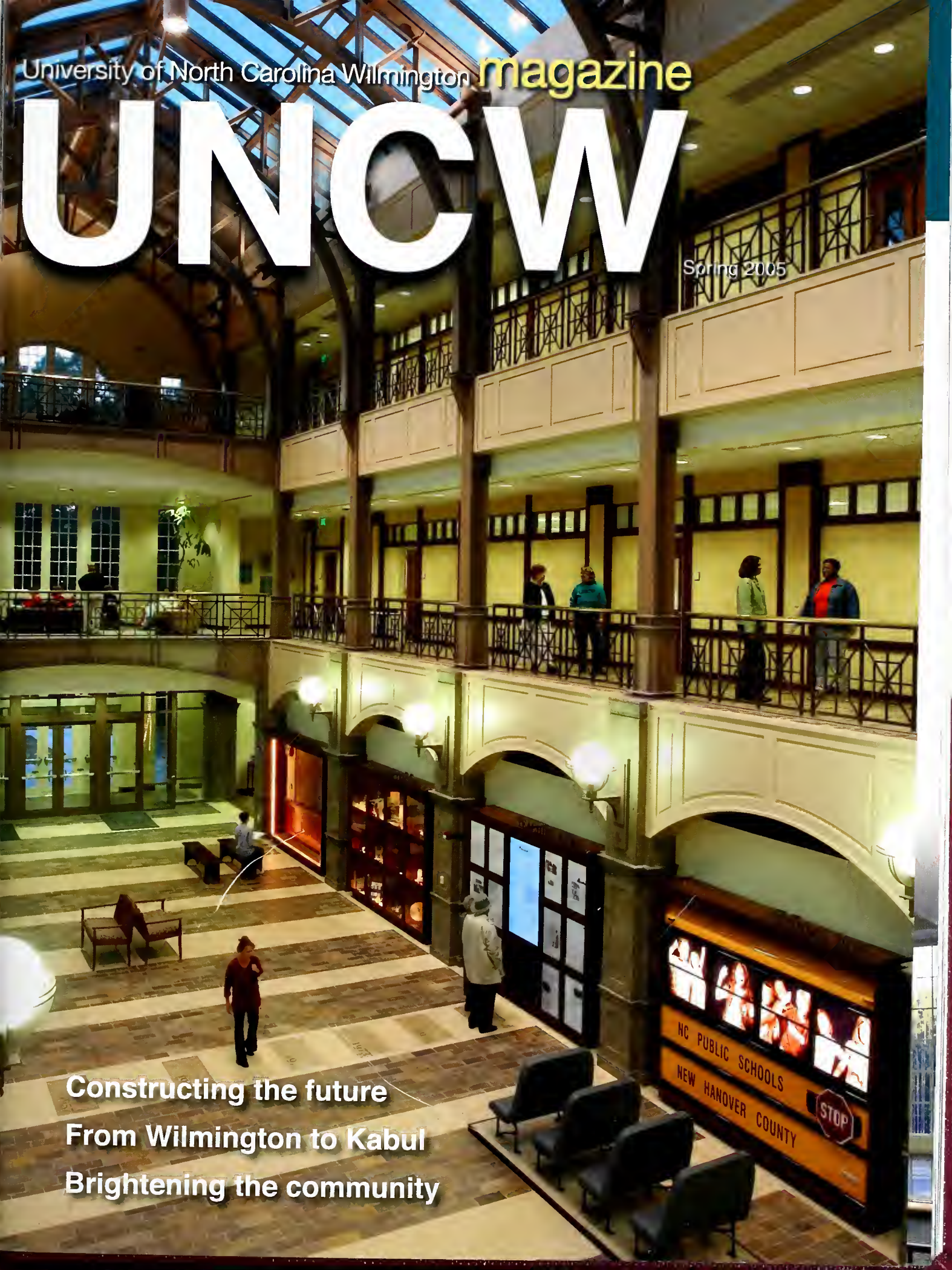

Constructing the future

From Wilmington to Kabul

Brightening the community

Dear Alumni and Friends,

The future of UNCW is incredibly vibrant and exciting. Thanks to the collaborative planning efforts of faculty and staff, we have identified seven strategic goals which will be our guide and primary focus in the years to come. Also, construction projects underway demonstrate that progress is being made to help accommodate the tremendous growth that has occurred at the university. Buildings as diverse as a new Cultural Arts Building, the addition to and renovation of historic Hoggard Hall, a new Computer Information Systems building, and the expansion of the University Union are all in progress, with more to come.

We have faculty across campus and across disciplines engaged in vital research that yields tangible results; we have talented students who compete on the national level for recognition as scholars and athletes. You will read more about many of our incredible students, faculty and staff – as well as our outstanding alumni and friends – within the pages of this magazine.

In February, during a visit by the Board of Governors to our campus, the university celebrated the grand opening of our spectacular school of education building. We also dedicated the North Carolina Teachers Legacy Hall, which is housed in the building's atrium. Legacy Hall honors teachers and the history of teaching in North Carolina. The Watson School of Education is the third-largest producer of teachers in our state, and UNCW is thrilled to be able to champion the women and men who educate youngsters in all 100 counties of this great state.

Perhaps the most promising and exciting news may come our way this year in the form of additional state funding. Last fall, the UNC Board of Governors approved a new enrollment growth funding model that could result in $7 million in recurring dollars for UNCW. The model establishes a minimum threshold of state funding that should be made available to each of the 16 UNC campuses on appropriations per student. The recommendation was contained in the 2005-2007 budget request the Board of Governors submitted for consideration by the General Assembly in 2005. As the budget request moves through the legislature, we may ask those of you who reside in North Carolina to contact your legislators to seek support for the Board of Governors' budget request. If approved, this new appropriations method will allow UNCW to be funded at similar levels to the other UNC system schools. Currently, we are the lowest funded public university in the state.

We know, however, that UNCW cannot rely on state funding alone to achieve greatness. The university continues also to seek financial support through federal funding for research and through grants from private corporations and foundations. Of course, we also ask you to help us move this university forward by showing your financial support, as well as by giving your significant time and talents to the university.

Thank you for all that you do to support UNCW. If you want to share thoughts about the university with me, please feel free to e-mail me at chancellor@uncw.edu or stop by my office in Alderman Hall during your next campus visit.

All the best,

Rosemary DePaolo
Chancellor

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UNCW hopes for $7 million boost

UNCW will get more than $7 million in recurring funding if a recommendation approved by the UNC Board of Governors in November gets the support of the N.C. General Assembly this session.

The new model establishes a minimum level of state funding that should be made available to each of the system's 16 campuses on an appropriations-per-FTE basis.

Chancellor Rosemary DePaolo called this action "great news" and said it was "an enormous step in assuring and advancing the quality of UNC Wilmington." She lauded the efforts of Robert Warwick and Hannah Gage, former UNCW trustees now serving on the Board of Governors, for their hard work in helping fellow board members understand funding models that always left UNCW at the bottom of state dollars spent per student.

The board of governors' 2005-07 budget request also recommends $10 million in enrollment growth funding for clinical teaching and nursing hours which would increase the level of funding for courses offered by UNCW's Watson School of Education and School of Nursing.

The UNCW Board of Trustees voted in December to increase in-state undergraduate tuition by $225 and fees to $1,767. However, at their February meeting at UNCW the Board of Governers agreed to freeze in-state tuition for the next year. Student fees, out-of-state and graduate tuition increases were to be discussed in March.

Cdigix president Brett Goldberg introduces residence hall students to free music downloads during a fall semester promotion.

Students love free music

Since Oct. 15, students living on campus have downloaded more than 55,000 tracks of music – legally – through a pilot program undertaken by the UNC System.

UNCW is one of six campuses serving as a test site for the legitimate digital delivery of audio and video content to students – not only for entertainment, but also for course work, classroom use and distance education.

For students living in UNCW's residence halls, this means they have free access to nearly one million music tracks through Cdigix, and they can download these tracks onto a Windows computer or a Windows media-enabled portable device and listen to them free of charge.

Students also have the option of paying 89 cents per song for a permanent download, which can be burned to a CD or MP3 player. It is illegal to share copyrighted materials through peer-to-peer file sharing; however, Cdigix offers a legal and a virus-free alternative. All on-campus residents will receive the service for the remainder of the 2004-05 academic year; future participation will be determined by each campus.

"Cdigix has changed my way of listening to music," says Amy Askren, a resident of Graham Hall. "I love being able to explore different genres of music and then download my favorite songs to listen to over and over. I have a new appreciation for classical, jazz and oldies music."

Marquita Lewis, Amanda Hutchinson, Emmanual Bryant and Kendall Murphy this spring are mentoring ninth grade peer educators at two Wilmington area high schools through a UNCW program designed to delay and reduce substance use. CROSSROADS: High School Drug Prevention, which received a $100,000 grant from the National Institute on Drug Abuse, is the first phase of developing an effective drug education curriculum that can be used around the country.

choosing best savings plan
a complicated task

As tuitions continue to rise, many parents wonder how they will be able to afford sending their child to college five, 10 or 15 years from now.

Section (§) 529 plans have emerged as a preferred vehicle for college savings. Plans are available in all 50 states and the District of Columbia and have many tax-saving benefits.

However, two UNCW accounting professors, Raquel Alexander and LeAnn Luna, have found that often investors are putting their money into plans that have high fees and are missing some valuable tax deductions.

States and their selected mutual fund distributors/managers determine many of the features of each §529 plan. Each is unique and has varied features, including the state tax treatment of contributions and distributions, residency requirements, minimum contribution requirements, investment choices and a wide array of potential fees.

For example, contributions to North Carolina's §529 plan are not tax deductible, but earnings are tax-free and withdrawals tax-exempt.

These investment vehicles are not regulated by the Securities Exchange Commission and most of them have no meaningful investment performance record.

As a result, the selection process is often complicated and confusing for college savers.

After examining 77 plans, Alexander and Luna discovered that the most popular are those with higher fees. They found that college savers often forego valuable state income tax deductions by investing in out-of-state plans. These findings support the notion that investors rely on brokers for recommendations because they reduce investors' search costs.

Alexander and Luna recommend investors check in-state plans for possible state tax benefits, check to see if the plan can be purchased directly from the state without a broker, investigate total fees and consult an independent source for plan ratings.

Student-athletes continue to shine

UNCW student-athletes showed once again that academics are just as important as the sports in which they compete.

The NCAA Academic Progress Report revealed that of 15 Seahawk programs included, 13 ranked above the Division I average, and six – men's golf and swimming, and women's soccer, swimming, track and volleyball – achieved the highest score of 1,000. The score is based on student-athlete eligibility and retention.

In the CAA, only William and Mary had an overall ranking higher than the Seahawks, 992 compared to 981.

Julia and Hugh Morton were presented honorary Doctor of Humanities degrees by Chancellor Rosemary DePaolo at UNCW's December commencement ceremony. Julia Morton was recognized for her years of dedicated service to education in North Carolina, including three years as a UNCW trustee and 16 years as a member of the UNC Board of Governors. Hugh Morton, an internationally recognized photographer, environmentalist, tourism advocate and owner of Grandfather Mountain, helped found the Azalea Festival and was instrumental in saving and relocating the Battleship North Carolina to Wilmington.

Campus abounds

with signs of progress

Change is unmistakable at UNCW with more than a dozen major projects currently in some phase of construction.

The renovations and addition to Westside Hall are 99 percent complete, the addition to Hoggard Hall is well under way and the sports medicine building behind Trask Coliseum is nearing completion.

In the heart of campus, utility and excavation site work continues for the University Union complex. In 2006, when all construction and renovations are complete, the three-building complex will feature a 350-seat theater and two-story bookstore.

When fully online, the central energy plant near Randall Library will serve six academic and administrative buildings with two 600-ton chillers and five condensing boilers. While utilitarian in function, it features an attractive modified Georgian design to complement other campus buildings.

Effects of construction are being felt by all. With nearly 500 parking spaces lost, one road closed permanently and others closed on occasion for delivery of materials, repaving and the like, traveling the campus is challenging. Parts of campus are marked by mazes outlined in orange fencing. Many departments are relocating as buildings are constructed and renovated.

The Pedestrian Safety Committee was formed to help the campus community navigate during this unprecedented time of construction. Chair Stan Harts '89, '98M said many safety hazards have been remedied by cooperative efforts of the Office of Facilities, contractors and the committee. In addition, orange pennants now mark detours, and safety information has been disseminated to the campus.

If planning a trip to UNCW to attend an event or to see the construction, allow extra time to travel the campus and find parking. Before visiting a department or individual, call ahead to confirm the location. For safety reasons, obey all construction signs and stay outside of fenced construction areas.

A graundbreaking ceremony was held Oct. 28 for the third and final new classroom building to be funded through the 2000 Higher Education Facilities Band Issue. The $32 millian, 104,830-square-foot cultural arts building will hause the visual and performing arts at UNCW. It will be located next to the school of educatian. Above, crews da infrastructure work at the site of the University Union expansion.

Residence hall construction a public/private partnership

To keep pace with the growing demand for on-campus housing and to reach the university's desired target of housing 40 percent of the student body, the Office of Housing and Residence Life will break ground in late April for a 524-bed apartment-style complex.

Designed by Clark Nexsen Architecture and managed by Weaver Cooke Construction Company, the project will give returning students an attractive housing option comparable to what may be found off-campus, yet give them the benefits of living within the university community. This venture is the first privatized housing project to be built on the UNCW campus.

Clustered in three-building triads with ample green space, the six-building apartment complex will connect the University Suites with the Honors House, International House and Cornerstone Hall community. The buildings will be comprised of 14 two-bedroom units, 30 three-bedroom and 104 four-bedroom units. Each unit will have a living room, dining room and a full kitchen including a washer and dryer, as well as cable TV, Ethernet access to the campus data network, local phone connection and personal voicemail.

In addition, it will provide students with a community that shares an outdoor grilling area, sand volleyball courts, outside swimming pool and club house all centrally located to the six buildings.

The housing will be ready for student occupancy in August 2006.

Baden named distinguished professor

Daniel Baden was named the William R. Kenan Jr. Distinguished Professor in Marine Sciences. This professorship, UNCW's first million dollar endowed chair, was established in memory of Owen G. Kenan and funded by a $667,000 grant from the William R. Kenan Jr. Charitable Trust and $334,000 in matching funds from the State of North Carolina. Baden, a professor in the chemistry and biological sciences departments, is director of the UNCW Center for Marine Science. He is also the principal executive of MARBIO-NC, the Marine Biotechnology Initiative in North Carolina, a state-funded initiative to produce economic benefits through new jobs, new industries and training opportunities in marine biotechnology. Since coming to UNCW Baden has received over $9 million in grants.

faculty honors

Joel J. Mintzes

biological sciences professor, received a Fulbright scholarship allowing him to spend the fall semester working in the Department of Science and Technology Education at the Israel Institute of Technology in Haifa. He conducted research and taught Ph.D. students in biology and environmental education.

Patricia Lerch

professor of cultural anthropology, had her book *Waccamaw Legacy: Contemporary Indians Fight for Survival* published by the University of Alabama Press.

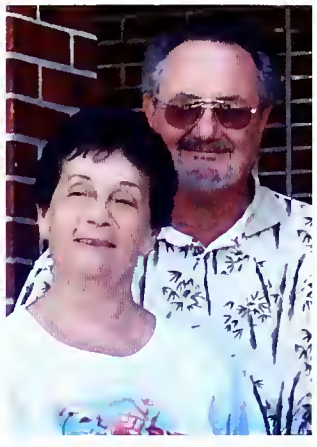
Owen and Myrna Wexler are recipients of the University of North Carolina Wilmington 2004 James R. Leutze Volunteer of the Year Award. As active community members, the Wexlers volunteer their time, talents and resources to more than a dozen community organizations, as well as MarineQuest, Lifelang Learning Society and Adult Scholars Leadership programs at UNCW. "Volunteering is a personal commitment that Owen and I hald very close to our hearts," Myrna Wexler said.

Lynne Snowden

criminal justice professor, published her third textbook on terrorism and related topics titled *Terrorism: Readings, Research and Realities*. The book is published by Prentice Hall and co-authored with Brad Whitsel.

Stephen Harper

Progress Energy/Betty Cameron Distinguished Professor of Entrepreneurship, had *Extraordinary Entrepreneurship: The Professional's Guide to Starting an Exceptional Enterprise*, published by John Wiley & Sons' professional book division.



Patricia Kelly

earth sciences professor, was elected to the rank of fellow of the American Association for the Advancement of Science. She was honored for outstanding contributions to the study of predator-prey interactions in the fossil record and for contributions to public awareness of paleontology.

Software wins national award

A software program UNCW developed during its search for a new chancellor received a national award and is in the process of being licensed.

Consensus™ was a collaboration between the Department of Human Resources and the Information Technology Systems Division applications development staff. It has been successfully used on a number of high-level employment searches.

The 2004 SunGard SCT Technology Award was presented by the College and University Professional Association for Human Resources.

7goals

Like a contractor following an architect's plan, when Rosemary DePaolo started at UNC Wilmington in June 2003, she drew upon the campus community to draft the university's future.

Constructing the future in words and deeds

Enhance the student learning experience.

"No one had any idea what the university's strategic plan would look like in the beginning, but the chancellor had the foresight to create task forces where concentrated focus would have the greatest effect. These task forces later became essential components to implement the strategic plan," said Ken Spackman, director of university planning and a mathematics faculty member since 1983.

The university is currently undergoing a process to figure out what it wants to be like 10 or 15 years from now. What direction should it take in the area of the facilities or academics? How does it retain and continue to recruit quality faculty? How can UNCW better serve its students?

Recruit, retain and develop quality faculty, administration and staff in appropriate numbers.

"I remember before Chancellor DePaolo arrived, people were reluctant to start planning until we could see what direction she wanted to take the campus. But she made it clear that while UNCW must have a vision, it would not be 'her' vision, but rather 'our' vision. That's when the benchmark forums started," said Spackman.

The open forums led to developing a strategic plan from scratch, enabling the university to establish seven goals. The work of the task forces established earlier converged with the planning process and contributed to the formulation of a strategic plan for 2004-09 (www.uncw.edu/planning/StrategicPlan.htm), which is a living document, being tweaked by events, but keeping its defining shape.

Embrace and enhance diversity throughout the university's constituencies, culture, curriculum and outreach activities.

The plan states the strategic vision, identity statement and core values of UNCW. The goals and objectives are set forth to guide faculty, staff, administration, alumni, students and friends in succeeding in the vision.

For instance, Goal I is "Enhance the student learning experience." Two of the task forces, those looking at the basic studies and the first-year experience, address this goal and its four objectives – campus-wide.

Create an educational environment that prepares our students to be global citizens.

The diversity task force looks at embracing and enhancing diversity throughout the university's constituencies, culture, curriculum and outreach activities. Preparing students to be global citizens is what the internationalization task force attends to. The safety task forces were created to address needs identified in the events of spring 2004.

Spackman explains that strategic planning is nothing new, having been utilized in the corporate world for decades. It is a way to attain goals by setting targets and measuring progress toward those goals. It is a more recent tool in academia, but an essential one because the demographics of students are changing so fast, the state has been reducing its support, resources are becoming more scarce, distance learning has had impact and the education market has become more competitive.

Strengthen the university's regional engagement and outreach activities.

For years each university division conducted its own strategic planning. But UNCW is now undergoing a comprehensive, collaborative effort that will impact the operation of the university.

Focusing on what direction the university takes can help strengthen each area of campus. For example, enhancing the first-year experience of freshmen takes a collaborative effort from many units on campus – student affairs, academic affairs, orientation, admissions, the advising center, housing, and campus activities.

Enhance the quality of UNCW's environment and provide a campus that is attractive, functional and, above all, safe.

"With more units sharing ideas and opening up the process, the campus can be more informed, and individuals or departments can bring forth ideas of collaboration to extend the strategic goals and objectives for the good of the entire university," Spackman said.

While the university adapts to the strategic plan and starts implementing identified strategies from the task forces, Spackman said assessment of the plan is the next phase.

"How do we assign accountability and assess our progress toward reaching our goals? A good strategic plan evolves, and the assessment will indicate whether or not we are having an effect on our objectives," he said.

Ensure adequate resources to achieve university goals by increasing public financial support and private giving.

Visitors toured the new R/V Seahawk which was christened Dec. 10. This new aluminum vessel, captained by Jerry Compeau, gives UNCW researchers a better and more economical platform for working missions up to 20 miles offshore and as well in rivers and estuaries. It was built in Port Angeles, Wash., trucked cross-country, offloaded at the N.C. State Ports and is docked at the UNCW Center for Marine Science pier at Myrtle Grove.

Soccer player tapped for national honor

Senior soccer standout Caroline Renkin was a finalist for the Athletes for a Better World inaugural John Wooden Trophy. She was one of six student-athletes nominated in the college and university division.

Athletes for a Better World encourages amateur and professional athletes to be positive role models for youth and honors those athletes who show outstanding leadership, responsibility and character.

"Caroline is very deserving of this recognition," said coach Paul Cairney. "She is a great student and always works hard to improve at every practice. She comes ready to play and is a positive role model for everyone."

A theatre major with a 3.75 grade point average, Renkin established career-highs with eight goals and 19 points in her final season with the Seahawks. A Second-Team All-CAA selection, she started all 18 games and led the team with three game-winning goals. Renkin finished her career on the school's Top 10 list in games played (75), goals (17), assists (11) and points (45).

Following her graduation in May, Renkin plans to move to New York City to pursue an acting career.

The art of storytelling

Tallant is honored

By Kim Proukou

UNCW professor of communication studies Carole Tallant was named the 2004 North Carolina Professor of the Year by the Carnegie Foundation for the Advancement of Teaching and Council for Advancement and Support of Education.

Tallant teaches performance of literature as well as the art of storytelling – performance and oral literature traditions.

Her aim is to help students find a story so compelling that they are able to claim it as their own, hold it tightly within their imagination and become its voice. Once theirs, they are free to give the story away, to share the story in the telling.

Such a gift of story creates a viable bond between literature, audience and teller. This is the drama of oral traditions of literature, demanding considerable personal investment

"I want them to find a story that they can commit to," Tallant said. And that commitment goes far beyond the requirements of her legendary 20-plus page syllabi and "massively long dramatic analysis" assignments, which both she and her students openly laugh about and of which both teacher and students are quite proud.

It is the commitment to the "wonder of self-discovery that personal identification with literature imparts that is most important," Tallant said.

Celebrated for providing one of the most exciting student experiences on campus, Tallant was also one of the first professors to make outreach and service to the community an integral part of her teaching by designing service-learning opportunities into her curriculum.

During the last academic year alone, her students visited 25 elementary schools, presenting stories to over 4,000 local primary and middle school children, teachers and administrators.

Tallant earned both her bachelor's (1974) and master's (1976) degrees in oral interpretation of literature and theatre arts from UNC-Chapel Hill and her Ph.D. in oral interpretation of literature in 1980 from Louisiana State University.

The U.S. Professor of the Year program was created in 1981. It is the only national initiative specifically designed to recognize excellence in undergraduate teaching and mentoring. Judges evaluate nominees for their ability to engage students, their scholarly approach to learning and teaching, their contributions to undergraduate education both within the institution and the community, and for evidence of support from colleagues and former students.

Kim Proukou is an information and communications specialist with the UNCW College of Arts and Sciences.

Carole Tallant, 2004 Professor of the Year from North Carolina, gathers her students for her "Storytelling in the Community" class at Forest Hills Elementary School. Each year Tallant's students visit elementary and middle schools throughout New Hanover County lending their voices to the performance and text of oral traditions of literature. Top row: Blake Adams, Travis Driver, Keith Boyd. Middle row: Professor Carole Tallant, Maggie McKaig, Tara Nolan, Hannah Reed. Bottom Row: Ashley Batts, Kristen Phillips, Jana Barbieri.

Seahawks retire Blizzard's No. 11

The Seahawks retired the number of all-time great Brett Blizzard Feb. 2, paying tribute to the primary cog in the school's impressive run to three Colonial Athletic Association championships earlier this decade.

Blizzard, who is playing professionally in Italy, returned to Wilmington for the ceremony.

"Brett set a standard during his four seasons that will be difficult to match. He was a tremendous representative of the program and continues to bring credit to the university today," said head coach Brad Brownell.

During his four years at UNCW, Blizzard made a school-record 2,144 points, pulled down 493 rebounds, dished out 360 assists and 249 steals in 125 career games and helped the Seahawks to four post-season appearances – three NCAA berths and one NIT bid. He ranks first in scoring, second in assists and first in steals on UNCW's all-time list.

Blizzard is the only player in league history to be named First-Team All-Conference all four seasons. He was named CAA Tournament MVP three times after spearheading UNCW's title chases in 2000, 2002 and 2003. The prolific shooter was an AP Honorable Mention selection in 2003 after helping the Seahawks upset No. 4-seeded Southern California in the NCAA Tournament.

In the CAA annals, he ranks fifth in career scoring, first in 3-point field goals made and first in 3-point field goals attempted.

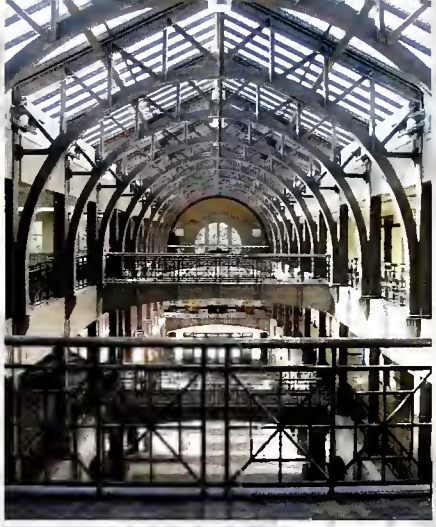
Blizzard is the third UNCW player to have his jersey retired, joining Brian Rowsom '87 and Bill Mayew '97.

UNCW to host baseball tournament

UNCW's own Brooks Field will host the Colonial Athletic Association Baseball Championship for the second straight year and fifth time in the 20-year history of the event. The six-team field will play a double elimination format May 25-28.

Coming off consecutive 40-win seasons, head coach Mark Scalf and his Diamond Hawks were selected by the league's coaches to repeat as conference champions.

Information can be obtained by calling the UNCW Athletics ticket office at 910.962.3233 or visiting www.CAAsports.com.



A symbol of excellence

New building reflects UNCW's commitment to teacher education

By Dana Fischetti

It's early morning in the education building at UNCW, and there is little indication of the burst of activity that will soon begin.

The empty hallways, the hushed echo of the three-story atrium and the sun peacefully streaming in through the skylights belie the dynamic physical and intellectual energy that brings this building to life every day.

Soon students hurry in to classes or gather in the open study areas; faculty members prepare course work, do research or head out into the region to provide support and professional development to teachers and public schools.

Top: The three-story sunlit atrium provides the architectural and social centerpiece for the new education building.
Center: Reflecting pools offer a place for quiet contemplation in the courtyard.
Left: Comfortable study areas provide ideal places for faculty, teachers and students to hold meetings and small group discussions.

Later, a busload of children arrives to tour Legacy Hall, parents bring their children to the Education Lab for tutoring, public school teachers and administrators arrive and transition into their evening courses, students work in the computer labs or develop lesson plans in the Curriculum Materials Center and faculty run out for a quick supper before teaching a late class.

Well after dark, the last person leaves the building as moonlight streams into the atrium. In the quiet darkness, there is a sense of satisfaction in the accomplishments of the day.

Tomorrow, next week and for years to come it will happen again, with other students, other teachers, other schools, because the need is always there and so is the commitment to meet that need.

Anyone who has studied or taught in a university school of education can testify that many are relegated to one or more of the oldest buildings at the back of campus. They are often cramped and dark, with faculty offices squeezed into every possible alcove, and space for meetings and study areas are limited to nonexistent.

This is not the case at UNCW.

The education building is a new, attractive showplace, built for the specific purpose of providing the highest quality instruction for education professionals. The 80,500-square-foot, three-story facility has allowed the faculty and staff of Watson School, which long ago had outgrown its previous home in King Hall and had scattered across four buildings, a focal point and more comfortable place to work, gather and research. The building features 10 classrooms, three seminar rooms, four computer labs and offices for the school's two academic departments and a variety of outreach programs and services.

The building is a place of study and hands-on practice for both new and experienced educators; a facility that supports collaboration, research and teaching excellence for faculty, teachers and students; and a unique "open house" for the community to explore the most critical issues facing education today.

"The Watson School has been a leader for many years in offering innovative, high quality and flexible teacher education programs as well as providing support and outreach to the public schools and practicing teachers and administrators," said Chancellor Rosemary DePaolo. "With the opening of the education building, the Watson School now has a facility that truly reflects the excellence of its programs."

Above: The education building reflects the traditionol style of the other buildings on campus.
Right: Displays in the North Carolina Teachers Legacy Hall honor the teaching profession and the history of education in the state.

Honoring the teaching profession

The North Carolina Teachers Legacy Hall, one of the building's most prominent features, recognizes and honors the many contributions that teachers and administrators make every day in the state. This museum-quality display in the sky-lit atrium, which was funded through private contributions, honors extraordinary educators, showcases historic milestones in education and pays tribute to the teaching profession.

"Legacy Hall captures much of the history of education in North Carolina and reminds us all of the importance of education and of individual teachers in our lives," said Dean Cathy Barlow.

Marsha Obremski '02, president of the Watson School of Education Alumni Chapter, said she sees the entire education building as a symbol of respect for teachers.

"It shows that UNCW really values education professionals," she said. "It made me feel proud to be a teacher and to be a graduate of this university. My first thought when I walked into the new building was 'I want to come back to school here.' Having this facility definitely promotes professional growth."

Ed Terzian '04, who graduated in December with a master of education degree and teaches biology at Hoggard High School, said the new building made his graduate student experience even more positive.

"As soon as the new building opened, many time issues were solved for me," he said. "No more sitting in my car waiting for class to start or sitting on the floor outside a locked classroom. I love the openness, the areas for collaborative work, the attention to detail and especially the technology. The layout encourages student interaction, student-faculty interaction and collaboration among teaching peers."

The Watson School provides teachers with support systems, networking opportunities, continuing education programs and professional development. With increased space, the school can now provide a place for faculty, students and teachers to come together and address the complex problems that confront the teaching profession.

"The more we reach out to teachers and make classes and events convenient for them, the more inclined they'll be to participate," Barlow said. "We want teachers to feel that this building is theirs and to take advantage of all the services it has to offer."

A variety of services under one roof

In addition to being the home of the Watson School and the hub of UNCW's teacher education efforts, the education building houses a variety of offices and programs that provide support, outreach services and resources to schools and education professionals across the region. The new facility has provided space to expand these services and to consolidate them under one roof.

"We now have space for more tutoring in the Education Lab. We've been able to bring the Curriculum Materials Center into the building from its previous location in Randall Library. And our distance learning lab and increased classroom and meeting space allow us to hold more and larger professional development sessions for teachers," Barlow said.

One of the building's new occupants is the Transition Program for Young Adults, which has a classroom on the first floor. This New Hanover County Schools program serves special needs youth, ages 19-22, who are better served in an adult environment rather than in a high school setting. The UNCW classroom is the newest of several sites for the program.

"This new classroom allows us to provide experiences for our students in a university setting," said Bill Trant, NHCS executive director of special education and related services. "The university is like a small city, so it gives our students the opportunity to explore many different facets of the community and possible places of employment in an accessible setting with sufficient supervision."

The transition program classroom also presents learning opportunities for UNCW students who want to be special education teachers. UNCW students assist transition program students in the classroom, helping them learn to use assistive technology devices or acquire a particular skill. They will also work with transition program students outside the classroom, in job or recreation situations on campus.

"The campus is an ideal setting for the transition classroom, and our special education students get great enjoyment and experience from working with these students," said Barlow. "It's a very positive experience for everyone involved."

Top: Tracy Hargrove, assistant professor in curricular studies, uses the document camera to demonstrate the use of math manipulatives. Unlike an overhead projector, the document camera can project three-dimensional objects.
Above: Angelia Reid-Griffin, assistant professor of specialty studies, works with a student in her instructional technology course. The Watson School has dedicated labs for classes while still providing computer access to individual students for research and study.

Meeting a critical need

According to the North Carolina Department of Public Instruction, the state will need to hire nearly 10,000 new teachers each year for the next 10 years to meet vacancies caused by rising enrollments and a wave of current teacher retirements. With all North Carolina colleges and universities combined producing about 3,000 new teachers each year, the state is facing a critical shortage.

As the third largest producer of teachers in the state, the Watson School was in desperate need of increased space for classrooms, technology labs, outreach and professional development programs, distance education two-way broadcast facilities and faculty and administrative office space.

"A building can't prepare new teachers or resolve complex issues that have led to the teacher shortage, but it can provide faculty the space and resources they need to offer the highest quality instruction and respond to growing enrollment," Barlow said.

"Because of this new facility, we have expanded access to technology labs and wireless areas and improved classroom environments that allow faculty to demonstrate a variety of teaching methodologies."

The Watson School is doing many things to assist in addressing the teacher shortage in the state and particularly in UNCW's service region. This includes seeking and acquiring grant funding to recruit teachers from other professions and training teachers who are currently teaching outside their content areas.

Since 1994, the Watson School's undergraduate enrollment has increased 69 percent, to more than 3,300 students. Graduate enrollment increased 73 percent, from 283 to 491, and the number of students seeking licensure increased 678 percent over the same period.

To meet the needs of this diverse student body, the school offers classes online, and on-campus classes are offered in three shifts: day, evening and weekend. Most faculty members teach during two of those shifts.

Barlow said she is thrilled to be able to offer the amenities of the new building to the many constituencies served by the school.

"With this new facility and the efforts of our faculty, we are responding to the teacher shortage and raising the level of respect for teachers," said Barlow. "Teachers should be revered in our society. We should recruit and retain the best and demonstrate our respect for the profession by providing facilities equal to the best available in any other profession. That's what UNCW has done with the education building."

Dean Cathy Barlow

Dana Fischetti is the marketing and communications consultant for UNCW's professional schools.

Right: The crowd at the education building grand opening admires a bust of Joy Robinson, one of the state's most influential education leaders and one of the first supporters of Legacy Hall.
Above: Joy Robinson's wife, Lib Robinsan, far left, unveils the bust of her late husband with assistance from MaryAnn Davies, chair of curricular studies, and Ty Rawell, assistant to the chancellor.

KENAN HOUSE

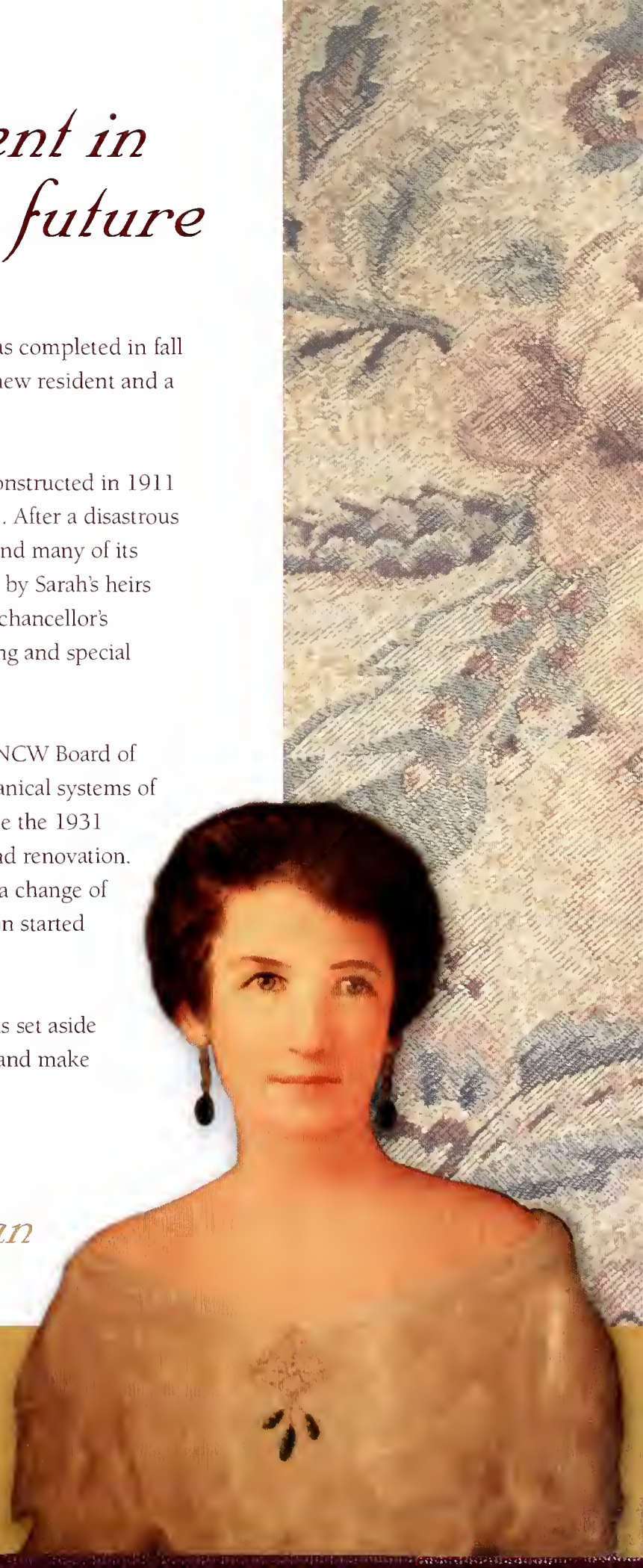
A key investment in the university's future

The Kenan House renovation was completed in fall 2004, giving it a fresh look, a new resident and a more public function.

The magnificent 7,500-square-foot home was constructed in 1911 and purchased by Sarah Graham Kenan in 1923. After a disastrous fire in 1931, it was rebuilt. In 1968, the house and many of its furnishings were deeded to Wilmington College by Sarah's heirs after her death. Since 1969, it has served as the chancellor's residence and the setting for gracious entertaining and special university occasions.

In 2003, Chancellor James R. Leutze told the UNCW Board of Trustees that the electrical, plumbing and mechanical systems of Kenan House, which had not been updated since the 1931 reconstruction, were in serious need of repair and renovation. Extensive work can only be done when there is a change of chancellors, so detailed planning for construction started after Leutze retired in July 2003.

A budget of $1.2 million in non-state dollars was set aside for work that was crucial to preserve the house and make it functional.



Sarah Graham Kenan

By Mimi Cunningham

Proud history

The prosperous Kenan family's Southeastern North Carolina roots date back to the 1730s, and through the marriage of Mary Lily Kenan, Sarah's sister, to oil and railroad magnate Henry Flagler in 1901, their lifestyle conformed to that of the wealthy industrialists and entrepreneurs of the early 20th century.

During the late 1920s, Sarah made improvements to her home that she called Sunnyside, including the addition of a solarium adjacent to the dining room. After the 1931 fire, the three-story house was gutted. Only the outside walls remained but much of the original plaster and wood paneling was salvaged and later reinstalled.

While the interior layout closely resembled the original, a significant change was to fireproof the house using concrete floors underneath hardwood on the first and second floors as well as in the attic.

The house became a beaux arts showcase, furnished with antique European furniture, decorated with fine art and silk window treatments and lighted by elegant crystal chandeliers. The dining room featured imported English pine paneling purchased from an 18th-century manor house in Surrey, England.

Return to grandeur

When Thomas S. Kenan III, Sarah's grand nephew, learned in 2003 of the needed renovation, he committed family resources to return his aunt's home to its former level of beauty. He suggested that the dining room, used as a sitting room by previous chancellors, be restored to its original purpose. He offered to return the original sideboard and purchase a suitable chandelier and other art deco and English furniture.

Following the renovation, Kenan family interior designer Harvey Gunter of Chapel Hill redecorated the house, researching, locating and acquiring many original pieces and installing silk damask drapes. Based on wall scrapings, Gunter was able to paint much of the downstairs in original colors, with a subtle, old-fashioned period feel. Gunter had oriental rugs original to the house refurbished and placed in their original locations.

Museum-quality accent lights were placed to illuminate paintings including the 1880 Bouguereau "Young Girl Defending Herself against Eros," a colorful oil painting that dominates the great hall. It formerly hung in Whitehall, the Palm Beach, Fla., home of Mary Lily and Henry Flagler.

While no photos exist of the original decorative trim in the grand hall, blueprints are available with detailed information showing what the architects had in mind. Later this year, faux artist Chris Shupping of Chapel Hill will accent the dentil work and friezes as specified in the original drawings.

After the 16-month renovation, Chancellor Rosemary DePaolo and her husband Fred Wharton moved into Kenan House in time for Thanksgiving.

Important university asset

"We are so fortunate to have Kenan House as well as Wise Alumni House next door, two great resources," DePaolo said. "I want to make sure Kenan House is used as much as possible for special events, to invite our friends, to showcase so much of the talent and expertise that is at the university. I also want to enable students to experience this wonderful house."

DePaolo expressed deep appreciation to the Kenan family for their financial support and for the personal involvement of Thomas Kenan.

"Without their support, UNCW could not have gone the extra mile with the furnishings and décor that the house deserves," she said.

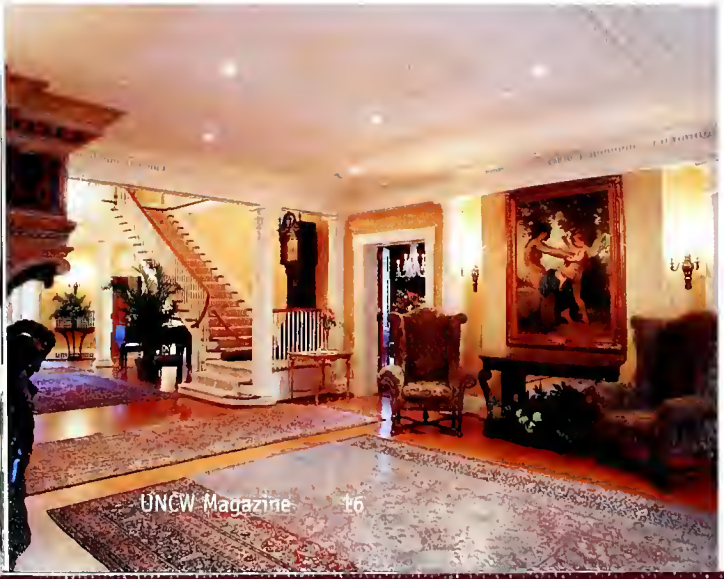
"The Kenans view Kenan House as an important asset for UNCW and for the State of North Carolina. They committed $400,000 to the renovation and repair as well as providing an additional $175,000 to pay for furnishings and interior design to return the house to its original state.

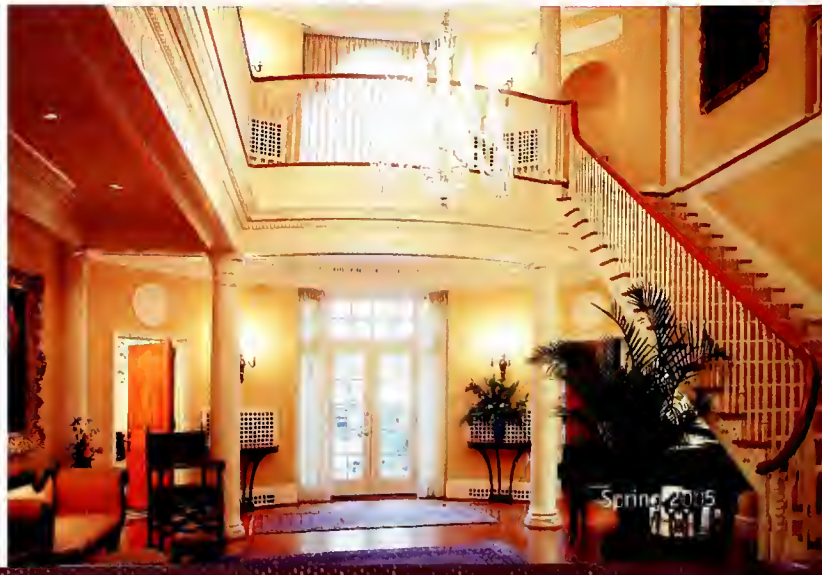
"The generosity of the Kenan family is keeping alive the memories of Sarah Graham Kenan and her sister Jessie Kenan Wise. It is also providing a rich and unmatched asset to UNCW, allowing us to give prospective donors and friends a chance to experience an early 20th century lifestyle.

"Kenan House presents an opportunity to showcase for students and others, the nature of philanthropy and what it means for a family to share the outcome of hard work and good fortune with others," she said.

"Now it's up to us to use this elegant historic home to leverage the Kenans' generosity into more resources for this university."

Mimi Cunningham is assistant to the chancellor for university relations.





Far left: Three views of the 55-foot grand hall reveal restored Oriental rugs, new accent lighting in the ceiling and the masterpiece 1880 painting by French artist Bouguereau. Dominated by the graceful staircase, the hall also features a Czechoslovakian crystal chandelier that was a gift to Sarah Kenan from Henry Flagler. The grandfather clock on the landing is original to the house.

Left: The solarium was added to the house during the late 1920s. During the recent restoration, a tar coating on the roof of the solarium was removed and replaced with a tinted film for energy efficiency, glass was reglazed and copper flashing was installed to cure a severe leaking problem when it rained.

Below left: The restored parlor features a Louis XV vitrine which holds a collection of Sarah Kenan's hats which Chancellor DePaola found in the attic in their original boxes.

Below: Adjacent to the parlor is the room used by previous chancellors as a family room, now restored as the dining room with a new chandelier.

delicate balance

Above: Admissions staff members Ebony Freeland '01, Camille Morgan '02, Brian McNeil '99 and Neal Richardson '96 prepare a stack of applications to review during committee.

Left: Roxie Shabazz, assistant vice chancellor for admissions, Patrick Bullock '04, Andrea Smith '01 discuss applications.

By Elizabeth King Humphrey '03M

Applicants are more than just a test score

"They're all valuable people."

Charts and papers strewn about the conference table, carbohydrate-laden foods piled on a side table, this one sentence, said in an excited tone to colleagues, sums up how UNCW's admissions office staff feels about the candidates for the university's first-year students.

Many UNC Wilmington alumni know how much fun it is to be a Seahawk. In the college's 57-year history, it seems this school – now ranked among the top 10 public universities in the South – was a secret gem of the region. It is not surprising then that in recent years, UNC Wilmington's popularity has soared.

This popularity has kept the admissions office happily busy. Applications for the 2004 first-year class increased to 9,615 for offers to just 1,897 students. And each year, it is becoming harder to get into UNCW, which means the university's degrees are worth more than ever. For instance, the SAT average for first-year students is 1126, an increase of 22 points in a single year.

Prior to the 2000-01 recruitment year, a student could apply for admission to UNCW throughout the year, and the admissions staff used a formulaic approach to determine if a student would be accepted An applicant's SAT scores or GPA were weighed against other candidates' numbers. It wouldn't matter if a high school student worked, was forced to move six times or was an athlete.

"If a student wanted to get in, it was more 'first come, first served' admissions. Then we found that we were running out of spaces early in the process," said Roxie Shabazz, director of admissions since November 2000.

In the holistic decision-making process now in place, the admissions staff spends more time getting a "better understanding of what is on a student's transcript," Shabazz said. Narrowing the field of students is an exercise in delicate balances. The staff considers a student's coursework rather than just the grade. For instance, one student may have had a C in math in the ninth grade but by eleventh grade was earning B's in advanced placement calculus. Compared to a straight A student who is, perhaps, taking less challenging courses, the first student is a more attractive candidate for admission to UNCW.

"We look at what will make a student better prepared for the world today," Shabazz said. "Our faculty expectations are high. We look for students who may help to challenge faculty, engage our faculty, engage their classmates."

Once a student submits a completed application, it goes to an admissions staff member who reads it and notes what makes this particular student stand out.

"The readers may decide to admit or deny 20 percent of the applications. About 80 percent of the applicants come to the committee for decision," Shabazz noted.

The admissions committee is comprised of three faculty members, eight full-time and three part-time admissions staff members. Interested in who will be seated in their future classes, faculty read stacks of applications. They are integral in helping select students who are academically prepared.

Eighty percent of an applicant's evaluation is based on academic records: classes taken, grades received, GPA and class standing. The other 20 percent considers a prospective student's personal qualities: extracurricular activities, life experiences, employment and awards. Students can display these qualities through their essays or documentation. Some students add additional pieces to their admissions packets. For example, a student entrepreneur might forward marketing pieces from the business he or she owns.

"Legacy status is also an important part of the process," Shabazz assured UNC Wilmington graduates. "But we balance everything by asking, will this individual be a successful student and help bring attributes to the community. At the same time, we're looking for a well-rounded class, not just a well-rounded student."

Narrowing candidates in committee is an exercise in learning a new language.

Each committee member has a print-out of all the prospective Seahawks in one particular geographic area. The staff member most familiar with the area will pre-select candidates who may need a vote from committee to get onto the prospective student list. For instance, if a student has a strong GPA and a high class ranking, but did not do well on the SAT, the admissions member may expand on the student's extracurricular activities or how the GPA was augmented by taking a full-load of advanced placement courses or extra classes at a local community college.

Sounds simple, but the discussions happen at a rapid pace and in admissions-speak code. Those not indoctrinated might nod, as if they understand what "Strong program. Five AP: Calc, Amer His, Euro His, Econ; Class Pres; class in forensics at local community college…" means, spoken at warp speed.

For 2005, applicants to UNC Wilmington will be witnessing a new direction for the university. The admissions department is capitalizing on the fact that many students may be attracted to the beach, but it's not the reason they stay.

The "Life isn't just a day at the beach. Make waves" concept is showing that, while UNC Wilmington is located near what one may generally think of as a laid-back destination – the beach – academics are important and, as such, the university stands out.

"We're riding a really great wave. We've gotten great regional and national attention for many of our programs, which puts us in front – students' word of mouth and our location have put us in a good place. We can really capitalize on our place in the market and move much more intentionally in recruiting and admissions," Shabazz said.

This simple message will start moving the university into a clearer identity in the competitive educational marketplace.

But the admissions staff has also had to consider the tragic murders of two UNC Wilmington students in 2004, which caused the formation of three task forces to explore campus violence prevention. Each of the accused murderers, enrolled or former UNCW students, had lied on their admissions applications regarding prior criminal records. In one of the task forces, admissions policies across the UNC system were examined to determine if the screening process could be strengthened to prevent such acts from happening. A background check of each applicant is one element that has been suggested.

"UNC Wilmington is requesting, on a voluntary basis this year and as a requirement for next year's applicants, school counselor recommendations or statements," Shabazz said. "We didn't miss anything in those particular cases. Unfortunately, we cannot control lies. But we want to make sure we don't miss any potential safety issues."

All of the changes won't keep from narrowing the field of valuable people who will become valuable Seahawks.

Elizabeth King Humphrey '03M is editor of @UNCW, the university's online employee newsletter.

"Hello, My name is Erika and I am a senior biology major at UNCW. I wanted to take a moment to tell you about the Department of Biological Sciences at UNCW...."

This begins an e-mail from Erika, who is part of the new recruitment initiative the admissions office has undertaken.

It's called LEARN or Leaders E-mail and Recruitment Network. According to the admissions office one of the most effective ways to get prospective students to decide to come to UNCW is through direct, personal contact.

Jan Fuller, associate director of admissions, said department chairs have nominated some of their brightest, most articulate and enthusiastic students to volunteer in this recruitment program. More than 30 names were received for the initial effort.

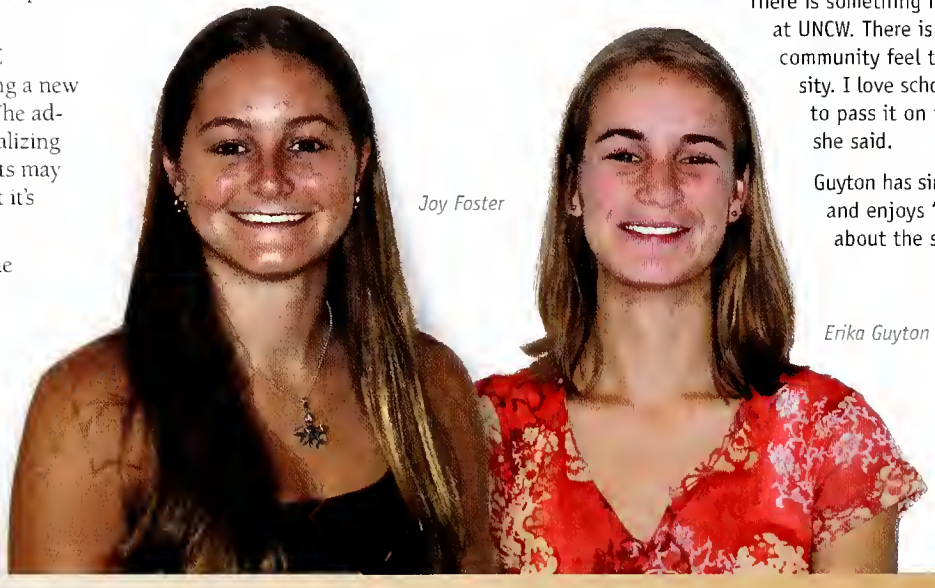
Erika Guyton, a biology major from Monroe, N.C., and Joy Foster, an elementary education major from Boone, N.C., were two of those selected.

Foster believes the e-mail exchange allows her to give prospective students a "realistic view" that comes from "students asking other students." Both Guyton and Foster were excited to share the fact that UNCW teachers are accessible and, while the beach is nice, Guyton said, "They are not really going to have that much time at the beach."

Foster wants incoming students to know about getting involved.

"There is something for everyone at UNCW. There is a nice community feel to the university. I love school, and I want to pass it on to others," she said.

Guyton has similar feelings and enjoys "bragging about the school."



Joy Foster

Erika Guyton

Gold's research
one small part of the big picture

Elena Perrineau Gold laughs with an easiness that belies her serious study and work in the labs at the UNCW Center for Marine Science.

By Elizabeth King Humphrey '03M

In the tritium facility at UNCW's Center for Marine Science, Elena Perrineau Gold uses a scintillatian counter to observe how a radioactive agent bonds to receptors in titrated brevenol. The information she gothers in this lab is loying the groundwork for future development of brevenal as an antitoxin.

As a UNCW graduate student working on her Ph.D. in marine science, Gold is investigating the functions of the antitoxin brevenal recently discovered during research on the Florida red tide.

Center for Marine Science Director Daniel Baden and his team of scientists have been studying the toxins that red tide produces during photosynthesis. When released, they kill fish and irritate the respiratory system in mammals.

The research unearthed two antitoxins – a man-made compound known as ß-Naphthoyl-brevetoxin and brevenal, a natural compound produced by the organism itself. Experiments conducted with sheep revealed that both compounds were able to block the effects of the red tide toxin on the respiratory system.

Baden's team announced in December that one of the compounds may aid in clearing the mucus build-up associated with cystic fibrosis and other lung diseases.

"We were looking for nasty things in red tide and found this material with potential to do good," said Baden. "This shows the value of ocean and human health research and the potential to discover things not anticipated."

These compounds were discovered during research funded with $6.6 million from the National Institute of Environmental Health Sciences, part of the National Institutes of Health.

Because of the significant therapeutic potential of these new classes of compounds and the applications they may provide to the medical community, UNCW has entered into an exclusive license agreement with Wilmington-based pharmaceutical company aaiPharma Inc.

But the uses of the compound brevenal are uncovered "way before drug development," Gold said. In developing a new drug, scientists must learn about the reactions the compound has on various parts of the human body.

Gold is investigating how brevenal binds to sodium channel receptors and the rate at which it binds to nerve cells. Her research focuses on how brevenal reacts on nerve cells and whether brevenal will change impulses of the nervous system.

Gold said her work "goes hand-in-hand to make a complete picture" of the benefits of the substance. "I am excited about the possibilities" that brevenal may offer. "Knowing that these compounds could help is one of the things that keeps you going."

A graduate of Salem College, Gold received the Ruth L. Kirschstein National Research Service Award, a Minority Access Predoctoral Fellowship from the National Institutes of Health/National Institute of General Medical Sciences. The five-year award comes with financial benefits through 2008 and provides support for Gold as she pursues her doctoral degree.

She said she chose UNCW to study neurobiology and neurophysiology with Baden.

"I first looked at schools to find out what certain research was being done. I started talking with Dr. Baden. His enthusiasm convinced me to come here, and his support helped me to get my grant," she said.

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A lifetime of giving

Green '71 makes significant contributions

By Andrea Weaver

By all accounts, Charles F. Green III '71 is a modest man.

He would rather shift the spotlight away from himself and his substantial contributions to UNCW and shine light instead on the numerous exceptional students, faculty members and guest lecturers who have benefited from his generosity.

During the past 20 years, Green, a Wilmington resident, has made 145 individual contributions to UNCW. He has supported 30 different programs, 26 of which he started. He has endowed scholarships, funded student travel programs, supported lecture funds and invested in faculty development.

His gifts have benefited the Department of English, Randall Library, the Watson School of Education, the Cameron School of Business, the College of Arts and Sciences and the UNCW Alumni Association.

His lifetime giving to the university exceeds $1 million.

To celebrate Green's significant contributions to UNCW, the board of trustees honored him with a special reception in October 2004 at Wise Alumni House.

"UNCW is a better university because of his generosity," Chancellor Rosemary DePaolo said during the reception. "We are a better place because of his guidance and concern for students and his love for learning. To our knowledge, no donor in the school's history has shown such a wide range of academic interest and support. We are thrilled to know that he plans to continue this support."

Green offers a simple explanation for his generosity – he wants to share his passion for learning with others.

"The great gift which I received from UNCW was the planting of various seeds within me during my student days," he said. "These seeds came to bloom many years later in the form of substantial and life-enriching avocations in literature, history, military history and classical music. It has been my goal in recent years to establish scholarships and other programs at UNCW which are designed to inspire and facilitate the study of these engaging subjects by other persons who may also develop an appreciation for them."

Andrea Weaver is communications and marketing manager for University Advancement.

Tom Green, left, and Bill Green '90, right, attended a fall reception at Wise Alumni House in honor of their brother Charles Green '71, center. Charles, the 1990 recipient of the Alumnus of the Year Award from the UNCW Alumni Association, was recognized by the board of trustees for his lifetime giving to the university.

Freshmen benefiting from Class of 2004 Legacy Scholarship Fund include Hannoh Jones of Wilson and Mary Young of Whitehouse, Tenn. Not pictured is Tiffony Holey of Springfield, Ohio.

Freshmen benefit from Legacy Scholarship

The Class of 2004 was the first senior class at UNCW to raise funds for a scholarship.

"It was our intent in raising the money to give others the chance to experience UNCW and the incredible education we received," said Tiffany Moyer '04, the scholarship fund captain. She now serves as assistant director of admissions for the Art Institute of Charlotte. "My classmates and I hope to continue giving back to our alma mater through the Class of 2004 Legacy Scholarship Fund," she said.

For more information about how to contribute to the scholarship fund, please contact Stephanie David, development director, at 910.962.2659 or e-mail davids@uncw.edu.

Site promotes planned giving

The University of North Carolina Wilmington launched a Web site to provide alumni and friends with reliable information about planned gifts.

To learn more about ways to support UNCW through estate planning, visit www.uncw.edu, click on "Give to UNCW" and then click on "Planned Giving Web site" at the top of the university advancement page.

To discuss planned giving ideas with the university, please contact Chris Clapp, director of development for planned gifts, at 910.962.3214.

Marla Rice-Evans is flanked by Mark Griffis and David Robertsan who established a merit scholarship in her name.

Pictured are Kate Bruce, director of the Honors Scholars Program, with David Robertson, Bo Dean, Mark Griffis and Chancellor Rasemary DePaala.

Scholarships honor two UNCW staff members

By Andrea Weaver

Wilmington residents Mark Griffis and David Robertson pledged $130,000 to create the Lenwood "Bo" S. Dean Jr. Honors Scholarship and the Marla Rice-Evans Political Science Scholarship. Dean works as an assistant in the Honors Scholars Program at UNCW. Rice-Evans is associate vice chancellor for university advancement.

"It's the most amazing thing anybody has ever done for me," Dean said

Griffis and Robertson are not UNCW alumni, but they appreciate the contributions the university makes to the quality of life in Wilmington. They also wanted to directly impact students' lives and, therefore, indirectly impact the world.

"Any and all segregation in our society is based on ignorance," Griffis said. "Education is the key to reducing that."

He and Robertson chose the scholarships' names as a way to recognize Dean and Rice-Evans for their good works at UNCW and in the community. Griffis said, "It's important that you honor people who are committed to people."

They earmarked $100,000 of their gift for the Dean scholarship, which will be used to assist incoming freshmen enrolled in the Honors Scholars Program. When fully funded, it will be one of the university's elite scholarships, providing full tuition and fees for a student for four years. The Rice-Evans Scholarship, also a merit award, will assist an incoming freshman with interests in political science or international relations.

"One of the most critical goals of our nation is to develop leaders for tomorrow who have extensive knowledge of the globe – as well as our nation," Rice-Evans said. "This scholarship that Dave and Mark have so generously established in political science and international relations embodies that goal."

Robertson, president of Realty Presentations Inc., a Wilmington company that promotes retirement communities throughout the South, said he and Griffis are already exploring additional ways to support UNCW.

"The way that you fundamentally change the world is by empowering others to learn," he said.

Colonnade campaign receives $50,000 "challenge"

J.K. Horne, a Raleigh resident and a member of the UNCW Parents Council Executive Committee, has made a $50,000 "challenge" gift pledge toward the Colonnade Campaign to encourage other parents to collectively match the contribution. The Parents Council plans to fund construction of a colonnade to connect three buildings as part of a larger campus project to renovate and expand the University Union. The Colonnade Campaign goal is $325,000. For more information, please contact Stephanie David at 910.962.2659 or e-mail davids@uncw.edu.

Fall phonathon pledges total $240,000

UNCW alumni and parents responded generously to the students who worked the phones during the fall phonathon, which ended on Dec. 10.

The students received nearly $240,000 in pledges from 4,350 UNCW supporters.

Students started the spring phonathon in January with the goal of contacting another 5,000 alumni. The additional pledges will help the university reach its 12 percent alumni participation goal before June 30.

UNCW welcomes new alumni relations director

By Andrea Weaver

Caroline Norelius, the new director of alumni relations, arrived at UNCW in January just in time to assist the alumni relations staff and the alumni association board of directors with final preparations for Homecoming 2005, held Feb. 4-5.

"My first few days were filled with meeting alumni, meeting faculty and staff, and getting to know Wise Alumni House. I also met many board members through subcommittees and then at a full board meeting. I jumped in really quickly," said Norelius, who serves as the executive director of the alumni association.

She has 15 years of experience in alumni relations and arrived in Wilmington ready to make the most of the strong foundation established for alumni programs at UNCW.

"I like to build bridges among alumni, students, faculty, staff and the administration," Norelius said. "I want people to know it's really important to engage alumni with the university."

The university's phenomenal growth in the 1990s and its remarkable potential for the future appealed to Norelius. UNCW's seaside location in a historic city was another asset, she said.

"It is in a different part of the country than I've lived in before, a wonderfully historic part of the country," Norelius said.

Following homecoming, Norelius began working with reunion groups for next year's celebration. She also started exploring options for additional alumni functions in Wilmington and in locations throughout the region.

"We had a great event with the Atlanta Alumni Chapter in February. We framed a Seahawks jersey and hung it in Frankie's Sports Bar in Atlanta with all of these other jerseys. It was fun; it was an especially good event for young alumni," she said.

With 58 percent of UNCW alumni graduating since 1990, Norelius has plans for reunions and networking receptions designed with young alumni in mind. She also has programming ideas for alumni of all ages and various interests. For instance, she hopes to offer programs in conjunction with academic events, such as College Day, sponsored by the College of Arts and Sciences, and student productions.

"My favorite activity that I've done on any campus is dinner theater," she said. "You take the student production – a play or a musical or whatever it is – and plan an event around that with theme food. At one university, we did *Meet Me in St. Louis* and served corned beef and cabbage. For a French farce, we had French food. Those are the kinds of things I enjoy – bringing it together, working with the theatre department and the music department. I like to have the professors, the director, the musical director and the chorographer come to dinner to talk about the performance."

Norelius especially enjoys helping alumni craft their own ideas into outstanding events.

"I want alumni to call us at the Wise Alumni House if they have an idea for an event or an activity in their hometown or back here on campus," she said. "We will be happy to explore those options with them."

Contact Caroline Norelius at noreliusc@uncw.edu or 910.962.2681.

Norelius experienced with alumni programs

Caroline Norelius has 15 years of experience with alumni programs, previously serving as the director at Western Connecticut State University in Danbury, Conn.; Western State College of Colorado in Gunnison, Colo.; and the University of Wisconsin-La Crosse in La Crosse, Wis.

Her professional experience also includes working as the director of student activities at two colleges in Missouri. She received a B.S. in education from Eastern Oregon University, an M.A. from Truman State University in Missouri and an Ed.D. from Oregon State University.

"We are very pleased to welcome Dr. Norelius to UNCW. With her ability and successful experience working with alumni at several institutions, I am confident that she will quickly become an effective leader who will provide creativity and innovation in building our alumni program and reconnecting them to their alma mater," said Mary M. Gornto, vice chancellor for the Division of University Advancement.

Gornto expressed appreciation to the Alumni Director Search Committee, chaired by Marla Rice-Evans, associate vice chancellor. The committee members were Ed Vosnock '71, Shanda Bordeaux '92, Ray Cockrell '88, '96M, Gia Todd Long '91, Jim Stasios '70, Jason Wheeler '99, '03M, Frank Trimble, department chair for communication studies and Mike Capaccio, interim athletic director.

Alumni honor Dobo brothers, Diab *for many contributions*

Bill Dobo '51, Bob Dobo '50 and George Diab were the honorees at the UNCW Alumni Association's 2005 awards dinner Feb. 4.

The Dobo brothers were joint recipients of the Alumnus of the Year Award which is open to all men and women who attended and/or graduated from Wilmington College or UNCW. Diab was named Distinguished Citizen of the Year, open to anyone for notable service to the university and the community.

The Dobo brothers are charter members of the Wilmington College Alumni Chapter and remain very active.

"Both of these gentlemen have kept Wilmington College alive through the years by their contributions of time, talent and charitable funds," according to a nomination letter submitted to the alumni association.

Their support has taken many forms.

They contributed funds to erect an historical marker at the corner of 13th and Market streets, the former site of Isaac Bear Building where Wilmington College held its first classes in 1947. They established the J. Marshall Crews Endowed Scholarship for Science to honor their friend and mentor who was one of the original faculty members of Wilmington College. A Wilmington College reunion was held at the North Carolina Aquarium at Fort Fisher thanks to their generosity.

The brothers also established a charitable trust which, upon their deaths, will provide for a gift of approximately $5 million to the university. The UNCW science building – Dobo Hall – was named in their honor.

A letter nominating Diab for citizen of the year described him as having "unwavering support for UNCW, the athletics department and the Seahawk Student Aid Association."

Diab "has been a Seahawk fan for many years – long before the team began winning conference championships or having NCAA tournament appearances. His contributions of his time, talents and treasury over the years have helped UNCW reach a national position that UNCW holds today from local and conference prominence to national prominence," the nomination letter read.

Diab was honored previously with induction into the UNCW Athletic Hall of Fame and with the naming of the university's sports medicine center. He was also recognized by the UNCW Board of Trustees for his many contributions to the university including the development of the first coach's television show, *UNCW Basketball with Mel Gibson* and the first broadcasting student internships at WWAY TV-3.

Take time to reconnect

Please join me in welcoming Caroline Norelius to UNCW as the new director of alumni relations and executive director of the alumni association. Caroline arrived Jan. 10 and immediately began working on events and services for alumni.

She has brought 15 years of experience with alumni associations in Wisconsin, Connecticut and Colorado to share with us. Please send her an e-mail (noreliusc@uncw.edu) or call Wise Alumni House (910.962.2681) and talk with her about your ideas. Over the next few months you will have the opportunity to meet Caroline at alumni activities on campus and across the region.

The purpose of the UNCW Alumni Association never changes. We exist to promote, encourage and foster goodwill between alumni and UNCW. We are here to serve you. Let us know how we can support you.

One of the goals of the association is to provide additional scholarship dollars for deserving students. The cost of a college education is never totally funded by tuition or by state support. This is where we have an opportunity to shine. The alumni association, by helping to raise money for scholarships, truly supports the individual student in a quest for the best education possible.

Many of you have supported the scholarship program and your academic departments in the past. Thank you for that support. Your contributions have helped this university to grow and shine regionally and nationally. As a result of this success, your degree is worth more today than when you graduated, and its value is going up.

This spring's graduating class will take us to over 40,000 alumni. We know you are proud of what you accomplished at UNCW and where you have been since graduation. As you look to the future for that next step in your life, remember that you are a member of an elite group of special individuals who graduated from UNCW. Take time to reconnect with your alma mater. It will be time well spent.

I look forward to meeting you at an upcoming alumni event.

Sincerely,

Edward J. Vosnock

Ed Vosnock '71

Chair, UNCW Alumni Association

Gia Todd-Long '91, president of the African American Graduate Association, addresses students and family members gathered for Senior Sankofa.

Adbul Kholil Cliette, right, was congratuloted by his brother Eric Anthony Cliette at the Senior Sankofa ceremony.

Balfour supports Senior Salute

Balfour donated $450 to the alumni association by supporting the Senior Seahawk Salute in October. For every student who purchased a Balfour ring or an announcement/invitation package, Balfour paid $25 to make the student an active member of the association. During the fall campaign the alumni association saw an approximate 300 percent increase in the number of seniors signing up thanks to the efforts of the Student Ambassadors, the alumni association board of directors and Balfour.

Lynn Fulton '84, '87M and her sons Dane and Chase check out one of the exhibits in the N.C. Teachers Legacy Hall in the new school of education building. Fulton, who is the interim principal at Winter Park Elementary School, attended a reception for Watson School of Education alumni held in conjunction with the grand opening of the building.

AAGA

The African American Graduate Association started off homecoming weekend with good friends and good times at the alumni-student social then got into full motion with a step show, cosponsored with the Association for Campus Entertainment. The association's new director Caroline Norelius was the guest speaker at lunch the next day. After AAGA members cheered on the men's basketball team at Trask Coliseum, they enjoyed a social dance held in conjunction with the Young Alumni Council.

AAGA President Gia Todd-Long '91 is very enthusiastic about the growth of the chapter and encourages all African-American alumni to be part of its exciting future.

Contact: Gia Todd-Long '91 at 910.799.9046 or longg@uncw.edu.

Atlanta Chapter

The Atlanta Chapter ended 2004 with a bang during a holiday social at Jock's and Jill's Dec. 14. Area alumni had an opportunity to meet with chapter leader Laura Medlin '93 and hear ideas for the growth of the chapter and the establishment of the first scholarship for UNCW students from Georgia. Everybody was excited about the future of the chapter and the growing number of UNCW graduates who have relocated to the Atlanta area.

On Dec. 28, a dedicated group of Seahawk alumni met at Cheyenne Grill to cheer on the men's basketball team when it played the UNC Tarheels. On Feb. 22, the chapter hosted a social gathering at Frankie's Restaurant. Caroline Norelius, UNCW's director of alumni relations, was introduced to chapter members. She expressed interest in assisting the club to grow and attract new members and promote UNCW in Georgia. She is excited about the potential for future events in the area with the addition of Georgia State to the Seahawk's basketball schedule.

Contact: Laura Medlin '94 at lmedlin@mfllaw.com.

Cameron School of Business Chapter

The Cameron School of Business Chapter cosponsored an alumni picnic with the MBA Association Nov 7. The lawn party, held next to CSB, attracted about 100 alumni, faculty and friends.

Winter graduation brought new faces as the CSB hosted the interdepartmental ceremony. The newest alumni were greeted by members of the CSB Executive Advisory Board and were invited to become active members of the alumni association.

For the second consecutive year, the chapter cosponsored Business Week in March. Events included educational discussion panels and workshops on how to improve resumes after graduation.

Contact: Melissa Blackburn-Walton '87 at 910.799.9496 or mmwalton@ec.rr.com.

Earth Sciences Chapter

The Earth Sciences Chapter held its "Life after School" symposium March 11 when alumni returned to campus to share their stories with students. Representing geotechnical and environmental firms, alumni gave students tips for getting hired, taking licensing exams and pursing a master's degree.

The chapter is planning alumni gatherings in the Wilmington and Raleigh areas, including scholarship fund-raisers and social events.

Contact: Kristen "Doc" Dunn '97 at 910.509.2885.

Triangle Chapter

The Triangle Chapter wrapped up 2004 with a strong showing at a pregame event Dec. 28 at W.P. Yeats Pub as a crowd of about 60 alumni gathered to cheer on the Seahawks when they played the UNC Tarheels.

The group continued its monthly gatherings Jan. 11 and Feb. 8 at the Carolina Ale House where chapter leader Steve Hailey '97 thanked area alumni for their continued support.

A small group of dedicated alumni made the trip to Wilmington for homecoming.

Upcoming events include the annual Durham Bulls baseball game social in the spring.

Contact: Steve Hailey '97 at 910.785.2540 or e-mail Stephen.hailey@ubs.com.

Watson School of Education Chapter

The Watson School of Education Chapter hosted an open house at the new school of education building Feb. 11. Alumni gathered for a meet-and-greet social which included a private tour of the building. Members spoke about the importance of raising funds for scholarships. Chapter leader Marsha Obremski '02 was excited with the success of the event and hopes to use the new facility for future events.

The chapter gave informational bookmarks to student interns to promote togetherness and to provide a source of information for new graduates.

Contact: Marsha Obremski '02 at 910.270.7006 or pettymarsha@yahoo.com.

Wilmington College

Chapter members celebrated 2004 as another successful year of representing the Wilmington College tradition. They gathered at Jackson's Big Oak Barbeque in January with Caroline Norelius, the new director of alumni relations, as a special guest. Board chair Ed Vosnock '71 spoke to chapter members about the association's appreciation for their enthusiastic support of their alma mater.

Contact: Jim Medlin '52 at 910.791.5259.

Other Chapters

Crew Club – Curt Browder '92 at william.browder@ace-ina.com.

Greenville Chapter – Paula Bass '83 at paulabass@cox.net.

MALS Chapter – Joanie D. Martin '91 at bus2bus@bizec.rr.com.

New York/New Jersey – Joan Clifford '86 at cliff582@optonline.net.

Richmond Chapter – Sam Mintz '02 at smintz@scottstringfellow.com.

Tennessee Chapter – Amanda Cannady '97 at Amanda_cannady@hotmail.com or John Faill '80 at jfaill@comcast.net.

Washington, D.C. – Cheri Arnott '97 at cheri.arnott@ssa.gov.

Become a leader for UNCW

Alumni interested in becoming an active leader of a local chapter are invited to contact the alumni relations office at 910.962.2682 or alumni@uncw.edu.

Leadership is needed for the following chapters: Charleston, Cape Fear, Charlotte, Communication Studies, Nursing and Triad as well as the Young Alumni Council.

O'Neal's murals brightening the community

Cindy O'Neal '98 takes a break from painting a mural that welcomes prospective students and their parents to King Hall, where the UNCW admissions office is located.

By Elizabeth King Humphrey '03M

The artwork of Cynthia Peters O'Neal '98 is brightening spaces around campus, Wilmington and the world.

Her murals decorate the Wilmington International Airport, Kohl's Frozen Custard and Jumbo Burgers, the Country Club of Landfall, Julia's Florist and the Green Room Surf Shop.

"I had always had a passion for art, and it was cemented by my first semester art history course with Margie Worthington," she said. "I studied under Kemille Moore, Anthony Janson and Mark Spaulding – they were a great influence and provided much support, especially for my honors thesis, which led me to study art in (Vienna) Austria."

After working as assistant director of the Los Angeles Art Association and director of Gallery 825, O'Neal returned to Wilmington in 2000, became an art consultant and ran several art galleries. She painted for friends and family.

It was while framing a piece for a gift that a shopper insisted on buying her work. As people around Wilmington started snapping up her canvases, she launched her career as an artist, which has blossomed into painting murals.

Her first "real, public mural" is at the Wilmington International Airport.

"They looked at my portfolio and said, 'We want that one."

According to O'Neal, she was commissioned to paint a portrait of the First Lady in 2000 by a friend of Laura Bush's, and her artwork appears in collections in London, Lithuania and Spain. She has received several awards including *Encore* magazine's Best Artist Award.

"My work is not loose enough to be impressionistic, but not detailed enough to be photo realistic. It's somewhere in the middle and colorful and generally cheery," she said.

O'Neal has added walls in several UNCW buildings as her canvases; her most recent work welcomes prospective students and their parents outside the admissions office in King Hall. Others brighten dining areas in the University Union's Glass Room and Wagoner Hall.

This winter O'Neal turned her talent to her own home where she created a bright, cheery room of sunflowers for her baby girl who arrived March 2.

And it appears that motherhood won't keep O'Neal away from painting for too long.

"I'm involved in the beautification of the downtown Wilmington alleyways. The Art in the Alleys project is planned for the Azalea Festival; it's an art exhibit of various artists planned for an alley in downtown," she said.

Rivenbark honored for lifetime achievement

Celebrate Wilmington! recognized David Anthony "Tony" Rivenbark '70 with its 2004 Lifetime Achievement Award.

Rivenbark has been active in the local theatre community since 1966 when he made his debut at Thalian Hall in the Wilmington College/Thalian Association production of *Good News* and has appeared in more than 150 university, community and professional theatre productions.

After graduating from UNCW, the Duplin County native moved to New York City where he worked as a performer and stage manager. When he returned to Wilmington in 1977, he became the first executive director for the Thalian Hall Center for the Performing Arts Inc., a position he holds to this day.

Highlights of his career include producing the 125th anniversary celebration of Thalian Hall; with Broadway/film actor Lou Criscuolo, forming the Opera House Theatre Company; and spearheading the $5 million Thalian Hall/City Hall expansion and renovation, completed in 1990.

Celebrate Wilmington! is a joint partnership between the community, the University of North Carolina Wilmington, Wilmington Rotary Club and the Cotton Exchange to celebrate the arts and promote Wilmington's Walk of Fame.

Tony Rivenbark is on the stage of Thalian Hall where he had his acting debut in 1966.

One of the highlight of her year in Chile came when Adrien Lopez '02, third from right, flew to Easter Island where she met with members of the most isolated Rotary Club in the world.

UNCW never far away during Chilean experience

Adrien Lopez '02 spent the past year in Santiago de Chile as a Rotary Ambassadorial Scholar representing District 7730 in Southeastern North Carolina. She said it "was an incredible time of new experiences and UNCW 'sightings.'" She wrote the following account about her experiences.

All of my expectations and hesitant feelings of entering an unknown world have been replaced by a year of memories and learning experiences I am excited to share. I also have gained much confidence for my return in March for the final year of my master's degree in social ethics and human development (studying social, political and economic aspects of Latin American development).

The two focal points of living in Chile were my studies at University Alberto Hurtado and my involvement/volunteer work with the Rotary Clubs.

My university is a private Jesuit school that attracts students from almost every Latin American country, which makes class discussions very interesting when one listens to points of view representing countries from Mexico to Uruguay.

Besides being dedicated to my studies, I was involved with Rotary Club activities with four other Ambassadorial Scholars representing Florida, New Mexico, Massachusetts and California. We attended meetings, conferences and volunteer activities in Santiago and other parts of Chile.

I organized weekly activities at an after-school center for at-risk children and worked on a joint project with Rotary Clubs in Santiago and Jacksonville, N.C., to import a special milk from the United States for children with metabolic sicknesses whose families cannot afford their life-saving treatments.

The highlight of the year came at the end when another scholar and I flew five hours from Chile to the most isolated Rotary Club in the world on Easter Island. Even though it flies a Chilean flag, this small island, known as Rapa Nui by the 4,000 locals living there, has a character all of its own – more similar to Polynesia than to South America.

Besides being able to travel to the south of Chile, which reminded me a lot of Valdez, Alaska, where I was born and raised, I also spent three weeks in Ecuador and a week in Argentina.

My UNCW "sightings" started in a remote region of the jungles of Ecuador hiking down to a waterfall where I ran into an exchange student who had studied and worked in the International Programs office at UNCW. I had lunch with the four UNCW students on exchange at the Catholic University in Valparaiso and dinner with Dr. Barbara Waxman and Dr. Patricia Lerch doing follow-up studies on their Fulbright. In addition, I saw alumni Travis Hipp '02 and Clare McCown '01 passing through on different occasions.

To read more about my experiences in Chile, check out my blog with journal entries and pictures from the year at http://adrienchile.blogspot.com.

From Wilmington to Kabul

Arnette uses map-making skills

By Hank Heusinkveld

When Justin Arnette graduated from UNCW in 2002 with degrees in geography and environmental studies, little did he realize that two years later he'd find himself in Afghanistan working for the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers.

"Never, never," he said. "It was quite an experience. It's definitely not the easiest environment to live in. It's not for everybody, but I'd recommend anyone who's interested to do it."

Arnette volunteered to serve in Afghanistan as a geographic information system (GIS) specialist and found himself as the only deployed person with those skills. Through his part-time work with the U.S. Agency for International Development he became the country's primary mapmaker.

"I did some analysis, which is what GIS is really used for, but they really didn't have a lot of data so I had to start from scratch on things," Arnette said.

Working for both USAID and the Corps of Engineers, Arnette quickly became the go-to guy for numerous missions.

"The Corps side was all military work, helping out with the ANA (Afghani National Army) brigade site maps for planning, and USAID was all civil: water, power, irrigation, roads. I was doing so many projects for different people that they'd all come up with different ideas of what they wanted, and I'd have to figure out how to make that happen," he said.

Because of the lack of maps many U.S. workers didn't know where places were located in Afghanistan. Arnette said they'd know of a city or they had coordinates, but didn't exactly know where it was.

"I did the maps using old Soviet photos, aerial photography, anything we had," Arnette said.

Despite dismal conditions in and around Kabul, Arnette found the country enticing and the people full of hope. He found time to immerse himself into Afghanistan's culture.

"It's a beautiful country, even with all of the dust storms. The people liked us, they're very supportive, and they're very hard working people," he said.

Although the war is over, fighting continues. Arnette believes mortar rounds that were fired sporadically into Kabul were blatant messages that bad guys are still around.

Justin Arnatt '02 took time away from his job as cartographer with the Army Corps of Engineers in Wilmington to develop maps in Afghanistan.

"We had a couple close ones like glass breaking. We could hear it, and the whole building shook when the round went off, but if you hear the explosion and live through it don't worry about it. Move on," he said.

Arnette's deployment was short-lived – just four months, but he feels the experience changed him.

"I definitely appreciate what I have here a lot more than when I left. I don't think things bother me as much," he said.

Hank Heusinkveld is with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Wilmington District Public Affairs.

Dan Gallagher traveled to Korea in November to compete in the World Cup.

Gallagher competes in World Cup

Former swimming and diving standout Dan Gallagher '02 splashed his way onto the international stage once again.

Gallagher, who reached the finals of the U.S. Olympic Trials in the 50-meter freestyle last summer, represented the United States in the World Cup meet in Daejeon, Korea, in late November. He competed in the 50- and 100-meter freestyle at the meet organized by the International Federation for Amateur Swimming and the International Olympic Committee.

"It was a good experience, but I was disappointed in my times," said Gallagher. "There was a lot of travel involved. It was a super quick trip for being that far away."

Gallagher and three other teammates made the long trek in rapid fashion. He flew from Wilmington to Charlotte to Chicago to Tokyo to Seoul. After that, he endured a three-hour bus ride to Daejeon.

"We arrived the day before the meet and had two days of swimming," he explained.

Gallagher wound up finishing third in the 50-meter freestyle with a time of 22.71, trailing only Andrey Kapralov of Russia (22.27) and Chung Hee Lee of Korea (22.69). In the 100-meter freestyle, he came in sixth at 52.0 flat. Kapralov won the 100 with a time of 48.89.

"I don't think I've been slower than 22.2 in the last three years," Gallagher reflected. "But I'm going to keep the dream alive."

He finished sixth in the U.S. Olympic Trials in Long Beach, Calif., and was ranked 21st in the world after the US Olympic Trials. He fell to 26th following the Summer Olympic Games and is currently ranked in the Top 30.

50s

Robert G. Miller '50 of Augusta, Ga., won the gold medal in the 75-and-older division of the 2004 U.S. Open Racquetball Championship. In the past six years, he has ranked among the top six players in the nation. Miller, who is the founder of Miller Printing Co. in Augusta, was featured in the Columbia County *New-Times* Dec. 1 edition.

70s

Sue Sellers '71, '85M retired as principal of Bolivia Elementary School after working 33 years in public education. Even after her retirement, she still plans to be involved in education. "I'm not sure how yet – maybe as a volunteer," she noted in a July 7, 2004, *State Port Pilot* article highlighting her career.

Farrar

Drusilla P. Farrar '73 of Wilmington is a National Board Certified Teacher. She teaches music education at Alderman and Winter Park Elementary schools. Dru is also a member of the UNCW Alumni Association Board of Directors and will serve as board secretary in 2005-06.

Austin Overby '73 was one of six players who represented the Virgin Islands in the World Amateur Team Championships for golf in October. He was team captain for the men's team. Austin has played in four Caribbean Amateur Golf Championships.

Rick Jones '75 was inducted in the 33rd class of Elon University's Sports Hall of Fame. Rick, who coached Elon's baseball team for five years to a 174-61 record, is coach at Tulane University. He ranks among the NCAA's top 30 all-time winning baseball coaches and top 10 winning active baseball coaches.

Robin S. Fields '76 of Mt. Wolf, Pa., is a board member of Keystone Human Services International and executive director of Keystone Service Systems, running an international internship program. Robin said, "I have had the wonderful privilege of working with people from Russia, Ukraine and Moldova and am learning to speak Russian. I remember that Dr. Mosely used to teach Russian, and I am wishing now that I had taken that course . . . he was my favorite professor."

Jacqueline Floyd Richardson '76 of Charlotte is a National Board Certified Teacher. She teaches at Myers Park Traditional School.

Thurston L. Watkins III '77 of Virginia Beach, Va., is co-owner and vice president of Greenbrier Dodge of Chesapeake.

Thomas O. Millard Jr. '78 of Wilmington opened Underwood and Millard Chrysler Jeep Dodge in Whiteville. He was elected to the North Carolina Automobile Dealers Association's health insurance board of directors and to the Carolina Dodge Dealers Advertising Association Board of Directors representing Dodge dealers in North and South Carolina.

Douglas L. White '78 of Chester, Va., left his position as youth services director for the U.S. Army in Vicenza, Italy, to become the international student support coordinator at the U.S. Army Logistics Management College in Fort Lee, Va.

80s

Artesa Bohannon '81 of Winston-Salem received an honorable mention at the sixth annual RiverRun International Film Festival's short video competition. Her film was titled *A Southern Family Secret*. Artesa is a videographer for Hill Magnet School and director for the Winston-Salem/Forsyth County School System educational access television channel.

Caroline Reda '85 was named president and CEO of GE Infrastructure Sensing. She was also appointed a company officer.

Steven R. Neher '87 is a criminal investigator with the U.S. Department of Justice in Louisville, Ky.

Lance O'Brien '87 of Miami, Fla., was featured in the Nov. 18 edition of the *Miami New Times*. He has his own reggae record label, Kulcha Shok Musik, and hosts a reggae radio show, *Dancehall Nice Again*, on WPOW-FM. In November he hosted the Dirty South surf contest.

Julie Gibson Robinson '87 of Wrightsville Beach was featured in the October issue of *Wrightsville Beach Magazine*'s Women in Business. She celebrated the 10th year of business of Airlie Moon where she is owner, manager, buyer and merchandiser.

Jeffrey N. Rogers '87 of Siler City is pursuing his licensure in elementary education at North Carolina A&T University.

Mark Tyler '87 completed the Graduate School of Banking Program at Louisiana State University. Mark is the Bank of Wilmington's senior vice president and business banking manager. He serves as secretary on the UNCW Alumni Association Board of Directors.

Rich

Tracy Rich '88 of Charlotte was named Lowe's Motor Speedway's 2004 Salesperson of the Year.

90s

Joseph Collins '91 of New York, N.Y., had a lead role in the Barrow Street Theatre production of *Bug* and has performed in other off-Broadway projects as well as the television shows *Law & Order* and *All My Children*. When he's not acting, Joey teaches movement technique for theatre companies in New York City. He is the co-author of the play *Mrs. Miller*.

Kenny J. Kidd '91 of Asheboro was appointed by Gov. Mike Easley to the Health Insurance Innovation Commission as the small business representative. He will serve a two-year term. Kenny is co-owner of Asheboro Paper and Packaging.

John M. Boa '92 of Kensington, Md., was named director of communications and research by the Casualty Actuarial Society.

Cindy Sanders '92 was promoted to department manager, promotions and events, for Yamaha Outboards in Kennesaw, Ga.

James "Jamie" Barnhill '94 of Durham was voted Forest View Elementary School's 2004 Teacher of the Year and was a finalist for Durham Public Schools' Teacher of the Year. Jamie, who is pursuing the National Board Certification in Early Childhood, teaches kindergarten.

Stephen Smith '94 is the code enforcement and inspections officer in Kitty Hawk.

Spencer L. Williams '94 of Portland Ore., is the climbing program manager for Nike Inc.

Ken Couch '95 of Concord was elected to the Cabarrus Soil and Water Conservation District Board of Supervisors.

Jennifer Baughan Mertus '95 of Huntington Beach, Calif., graduated summa cum laude from Whittier Law School in May 2004. She passed the California Bar Examination and was admitted to the bar in December.

Wayne Batten '96 of Fort Lauderdale, Fla., is a recruiter for InPhyNet Hospital Services Inc., a TeamHealth affiliate.

Kemp Burpeau '97M had his book *God's Showman: John Graham Lake and US/South African Pentecostalism* released by Relfeks Publishing. It is an historical study of an American missionary based on his doctoral thesis work at Rhodes University in South Africa. He is the deputy county attorney for New Hanover County.

Nancy Feeney McGuire '97 of Chantilly, Va., is an academic program coordinator at The George Washington University.

Jawahar K. Mohanty '97 of Huntington Beach, Calif., is the owner of Logic Marketing.

Wilson

Michael S. Wilson '97 is a residential loan specialist with the Bellevue, Tenn., branch of Union Planters Bank. He is active in the Bellevue Chamber of Commerce and Nashville Mortgage Bankers Association.

Jessica Lerch '98, a neuroscience graduate student at Case Western Reserve University School of Medicine, received the Kirschstein National Research Service Award fellowship from the National Institutes of Health to support her predoctoral work. The title of her project is Molecular Genetics of the Serotonin System.

Thomas Hughes '98 of Paxton, Mass., has formed Safe Harbor Real Estate in Cape Cod, Mass. He said he reflects "quite often on my experiences I had while attending UNCW and thank those who helped make me the person I am today."

Robert F. Mooring III '99 of Mobile, Ala., is completing his last year of physician assistant studies at the University of South Alabama.

Jacqueline Rowland '99 of Wrightsville Beach is a trauma surgery physician assistant at New Hanover Regional Medical Center, Coastal Area Health Education Center. She graduated from the Wake Forest University School of Medicine Physician Assistant Program in May 2004, with a master's in medical science.

Richard D. Thomas '99 received his Doctor of Chiropractic degree from Texas Chiropractic College in Pasadena, Texas. He graduated with honors.

00s

Lisa Beverly '00 of Arlington, Va., is a technical analyst with Northrop Grumman.

Raymond C. Dickerson '00 is an adult treatment team leader at HARBEL Prevention and Recovery Center in Baltimore. He said, "My B.S.W. from UNCW laid a strong foundation for my graduate work and my current career."

Kimberly Newman '00, a second grade teacher at Southport Elementary School, received a Brunswick Electric Membership Corporation Bright Ideas grant to support the "Hopping Family Fun" program. It is a series of take-home interactive games and activities she and a fellow teacher created for students and their parents to improve reading and math skills. The grant will enable the program to be expanded to students whose native language is not English.

Christine Demaray Brown '01 is an administrative assistant with Walter Robbs Callahan & Pierce Architects in Winston-Salem

Jennifer Ann Hargrove '01 of Manteo received her bachelor of arts degree in German from Old Dominion University.

Erica Livingston '01 of Ramseur is performing in the 2004-05 First National Tour of *Stand by Your Man, the Tammy Wynette Story*.

Jennifer E. Mitchell '01 of Bentonville, Va., is a social worker for Warren County Department of Social Services.

Lori M. Smith '01 is pursuing a master's degree in forensic science at George Washington University. She is a laboratory technician at Friendship Hospital for Animals.

Jaime Holland '02 of Pittsboro completed 27 months with the U.S. Peace Corps in Santa Fe, Panama, working as a community economic development officer.

Dave Minella '02 was promoted to public relations account executive at Mullen in Pittsburgh, Pa.

Shannon E. Taylor '02 of Lumberton is a bookkeeper for Century 21 Real Estate.

Carrie Dufresne '03 of North Hollywood, Calif., was an assistant director on the indie horror flick, *Clique*. (www.cliquemovie.com)

Jennifer Lynn Nelson '03 of Castle Hayne is a legal assistant with the Culbreth Law Firm.

Jonathan Scholten '03 of Gainesville, Fla., is pursuing a Master of Fine Arts in scenic design for theatre at the University of Florida.

Sarah Brophy '04 of Winston-Salem is an office assistant for International Sports Properties Inc.

Shana Deets '04M is an associate lecturer in English at the University of Wisconsin.

Lauren Dzubak '04M of Wilmington is a copywriter with Talk PR Inc.

Megan Smoot '04 of Arlington, Va., is a performance measurement associate with Cambridge Associates.

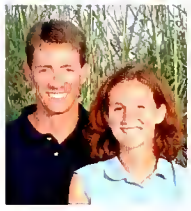
Weddings

Garrett Reese '93 and Lisa G. Gardner on May 1, 2004. Garrett is an internal audit manager for Lowe's. The couple resides in Mooresville.

Alvin Phillips '94 and Annette Keegan on Jan. 15, 2005. Alvin is the director of information services at MGI Corp. The couple resides in Wilson.

Helen C. Harriss '97 and **Josef D. Stephens '99** on Oct. 23, 2004. Josef is employed by PPD Inc. in Wilmington. The couple resides in Wilmington.

Amanda Cannady '97, '99 and John W. Miller on Oct. 23, 2004. Amanda is an account executive with Wilmington Finance. The couple resides in Franklin, Tenn.



Dunn

Kristen Dougherty '97 and **Charles "Matt" Dunn '97** on May 15, 2004. Kristen and Matt own Carolina Residential Realty, LLC. Kristen is a broker and Matt handles the day-to-day marketing and public relations duties. Their Web site is www.ccrhomes.com. Kristen is also the president of the UNCW Earth Sciences Alumni Chapter. The couple resides in Wrightsville Beach.

Michael B. Mahon '97 and **Jennifer E. Jackson '98** on Oct. 16, 2004. The couple resides in Carolina Beach where they own and operate Island Kite and Surf Shop.

Kristin M. Freccia '98 and Christopher K. Behm on Nov. 20, 2004. A registered nurse, Kristin is a clinical team manager in the oncology division of PPD Inc. The couple resides in Wilmington.

Kara Fuchs '98 and Michael K. Ganshmann on July 10, 2004. Kara is a student at the University of North Dakota School of Law. The couple resides in Grand Forks, N.D., and plans to return to the East Coast after Kara graduates in 2007.

Ryan T. Lisk '98 and **Rachel L. Valliere '00** on Oct. 16, 2004. Rachel is the manager of Alligator Pie. Ryan is a territory manager for Trane Company. The couple resides in Wilmington.

Heather A. Hill '98 and Sean Moore on Dec. 1, 2004. Heather is a financial consultant with Booz Allen Hamilton. The couple resides in Huntingtown, Md.

Andrea Davis '99 and **Andrew Quirk '00** in June 2004. The couple resides in Jacksonville.

Sachs' book reaches out to community

By Elizabeth King Humphrey '03M

Dana Sachs '00M is the embodiment of several university strategic goals and objectives.

She is a part-time faculty member in the English department, she is a graduate of UNCW's master's program in creative writing, she has lived in Vietnam and she was involved in a new community outreach program.

Her book – *The House on Dream Street: Memoir of an American Woman in Vietnam* – was selected for Wilmington's inaugural One Book, One Community program.

"It is very gratifying to have my book selected," Sachs said. "Wilmington is large enough to have a lot of different enclaves, but small enough that you still feel a sense of community here. People really support books, and they seem to be very interested in Vietnam."

This outreach program has introduced the community to Vietnam in a myriad of ways, from exhibits and film screenings to read-a-thons and panel discussions. The additional programs bring an added dimension to reading the selected book.

Sachs explained, "My book starts discussions on various topics: Vietnam as a country, Vietnam as a war and the effects of travel on the way we see the world."

Sachs strongly believes in individuals seeing and living in other cultures.

"We don't plan our lives comprehensively. I never thought in terms of an entire plan: 'this is what I will do for my career – study Vietnam.' I just keep coming back to the subject because I continue to find it so interesting. I keep finding new stories I want to write about.

"Living abroad gave me an understanding of another culture and allowed me to be sympathetic toward the world's various communities. Because I lived in Vietnam, I think that I'm more sympathetic toward people all over the world, not just in Vietnam but also in Iraq, in Indonesia.

"I think maybe those people seem a little bit more real to me. That's why I like to promote the idea of travel, because it is such a great tool for understanding other people. If my book helps give someone else an idea that they could go travel someplace they might not otherwise have traveled to, then I'll feel I was successful."

Sachs will return to Vietnam for an extended stay next year, along with her children and husband Todd Berliner, chair of the Department of Film Studies.

Timothy Neal '04 was surprised by a visit from Chancellor Rosemary DePaolo at Rampage Yachts in Navassa where he works as an electronic dash assembler. DePaolo toured the manufacturer as part of an outreach visit to Brunswick County, where she met with public school and community college administrators, county officials and industry representatives.

LeAnn Garris '99 and Aaron Lazar on Nov. 7, 2004. LeAnn is a model for Ford Models in New York. The couple was the winner of the *Food Network Caters Your Wedding* special which aired March 13. They reside in New York, N.Y.

Rebecca R. Smallwood '99 and Reuben D. Watson on Dec. 18, 2004. The couple resides in Wilmington.

Erica R. Summerlin '99 and Daniel W. Kopp on Nov. 6, 2004. Erica is a sales manager with Philip Morris USA. The couple resides in Raleigh.

Adrienne C. Anderson '00 and Nicholas R. Dillon on Oct. 16, 2004. Adrienne is a police officer with the city of Wilmington. The couple resides in Wilmington.

Amanda L. Crews '00 and Matthew Hamilton Dickens on Sept. 24, 2004. They reside in Winterville.

Marian Hodge '00 and Bill Kissick on Nov. 6, 2004. Marian is the client relations project manager for IBM. The couple resides in Richmond, Ky.

Jamie A. Easterwood '01 and James D. Braxton on Sept. 25, 2004. Jamie is a kindergarten teacher at Sullivan's Island Elementary School. The couple resides in Mount Pleasant, S.C.

Elizabeth McMillan '01 and **Aaron E. Moore '02** on Oct. 9, 2004. Elizabeth is a mortgage loan closer with Wachovia Mortgage Services. Aaron is a land surveyor for Mike Underwood and Associates. The couple resides in Wilmington.

Kimberly A. Moser '01 and **Michael T. Kennedy '01** on Sept. 5, 2004. Kimberly is an assistant project manager in geriatric research at the Wake Forest University School of Medicine. Michael is a data coordinator and analyst in the pharmacy at Wake Forest University Baptist Hospital.

Amy E. Turner '01 and Chad A. Ludwig on Oct. 9, 2004. Amy is a residential service specialist for Wachovia Corporate Mortgage Services. The couple resides in Wilmington.

Michael B. Dorosko '02 and **Elizabeth W. Rippy '03** on Sept. 25, 2004. The couple resides in Wrightsville Beach.

Joshua Hawkins '02 and **Michele Baker '03** on Sept. 4, 2004. Joshua works in sales at Helzberg Diamonds. The couple resides in Charlotte.

Carin Tew '02 and Greg Daniels on June 5, 2004. Carin is the minister of youth at the First Baptist Church of Clayton. The couple resides in Garner.

Kathryn D. Floyd '03 and **Joseph W. Taylor IV '03** on Oct. 23, 2004. Joseph is employed by Jay Taylor Extermination Co. Inc. The couple resides in Wilmington.

Christina Haik '03 and Joshua Robbins on Oct. 16, 2004. Christina is a homeless case manager with Brunswick Family Assistance Agency. The couple resides in Winnabow.

Olivia J. Roberts '03 and Willis J. B. Adair on Sept. 25, 2004. Olivia earned a master's in social work from the University of South Carolina and is a child therapist at the Yahweh Center Children's Village. The couple resides in Wilmington.

Melody A. Greimann '04 and Bryant Kyle Dickerson on Oct. 16, 2004. The couple resides in New Bern.

Marianna K. Moul '04 and Mark D. Jabaley on June 13, 2004. The couple resides in Wilmington.

Robbie Rogers '04 and K. Charles Pearce on Oct. 15, 2004. The couple resides in La Grange.

Births

To **Kelly R. '86** and **Chloe Chen Burgess '02M**, a son, Kyle Yian, on Dec. 15, 2004. They reside in Raleigh.

To **David S. '90** and **Laurie Mitchell Burgess '90**, a son, Graham Mitchell, on Oct. 8, 2004. David is a contracting officer with U.S. Coast Guard in Elizabeth City.

To **Denise Paliwoda Dillon '92** and her husband Michael, a son, Jackson Patrick, on Dec. 15, 2004. Denise is a sales/marketing representative for Varsity Brands Inc. The Dillons reside in Shark River Hills, N.J.

To **Charles Edwin Price Jr. '92** and his wife Kathy, a son, Edison Bailey, on Sept. 10, 2004.

To **Elisa McConochie Pollard '93** and her husband Eric, a son, Levi, on March 29, 2004.

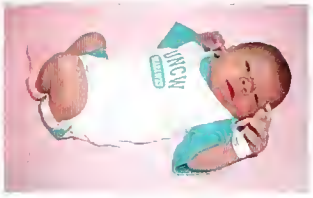
To **Johnathan M. Bates '94** and his wife Debra, a son, Anthony Johnathan, on Sept. 1, 2004. Johnathan is an attorney with Scott M. Belt & Associates. They reside in Morris, Ill.

To **Sean P. McManus '95** and his wife Robin, a son, Patrick Robert, on Dec. 26, 2004. Sean is a conservation officer for the New Jersey Division of Fish and Wildlife.

To **Scott Davidoff '97** and his wife Jamie, a son, Duncan Carter, on Feb. 2, 2004. Scott is the executive director of the North Broward Family YMCA in Coral Springs, Fla.

To **Mark Gregory Hinshaw '97M** and his wife Rachel, a daughter, Gabrielle Briana, on Nov. 10, 2004. Mark is the vice president of financial planning and analysis for Countrywide Financial Corporation in Pasadena, Calif.

To **Jennifer Alverson Lesser '97** and her husband Steve, a daughter, Logan Cate, on Nov. 25, 2004. Jennifer is a specialty account representative with Serono Inc.



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To **April Barefoot Tisher '99** and her husband Christopher, a son, Andrew Eston, on June 17, 2004.

To **David J. '00** and **Ashley Poteat Paglinghi '03**, a daughter, Madeline Gene, on Sept. 14, 2004. David is the marketing services manager for Rampage Sport Fishing Yachts in Navassa.

To **Eric S. Rudisill '00** and his wife Sheri, a son, Lucas Scott, on Dec. 17, 2004. Eric is a hydrologist for U.S. Geological Survey in Charlotte.

Deaths

Stacy H. Covil '62 of Burgaw on Jan. 3, 2005. After retiring as chief of environmental health services with the N.C. Department of Environment, Health and Natural Resources in 1995, he worked as an environmental consultant for K&W Cafeteria.

Capt. Michael Frimenko Jr. '70 on Dec. 18, 2004. He served in the U.S. Navy for 26 years.

Larry Graham '74 of Mt. Olive on Aug. 20, 2004. He was the executive vice president of operations for the Mt. Olive Pickle Co.

Tim Owens '82 of Rockland, Mass., on Nov. 18, 2004. He was the head basketball coach at Holbrook High School in Holbrook, Mass.

Janis Kasyan Babyak '97 of Raleigh on May 31, 2004. She was a systems management integrator for IBM.

Faculty

Roy E. Harkin of Wilmington died on Nov. 11, 2004. He was instrumental in the growth of the Department of Education into the School of Education at UNCW and became its first dean. He led the development of master's degree programs in education and national accreditation of the teacher education program. He served at UNCW from 1976 until his retirement in 2003.

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30	Memorial Day UNCW Offices Closed

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Bart Wilson and noted author Paul Loeb

A Reason to Give

The UNCW Honors Scholars Program sponsored a lecture by noted author Paul Loeb, who visited campus in February to discuss civic engagement with students and faculty from many disciplines.

Bart Wilson, a sophomore who plans to major in chemistry, read Loeb's book *Soul of a Citizen: Living With Conviction in a Cynical Time* for an honors class. The opportunity to participate in the honors program is one of the reasons why Wilson, who grew up in Iowa, Michigan and Missouri, selected UNCW.

He credits the honors program staff with encouraging him to actively participate in campus life. He said, "They have shaped me into something of a leader. I find myself involved in many things on campus."

Wilson serves as a Student Government Association at-large representative and chairs the organization's university affairs committee. He represents the UNCW Honors Scholars Program on the Southeastern Regional Honors Council and is a member of the university's Student Honors Advisory Council.

To attract more students like Bart to UNCW, two Wilmington residents recently established an endowed scholarship to assist incoming freshmen enrolled in the honors program (see article, page 22). To learn how you can contribute to or establish a scholarship at UNCW, please visit www.uncw.edu and click on "Give to UNCW."

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One profession, many roles

The nation's critical nursing shortage brings limitless opportunities for students and challenges for the schools that educate them.

Dear

Alumni and Friends,

UNCW has celebrated many tremendous accomplishments in recent weeks. The largest graduating class in our history – nearly 1,600 students – participated in May's commencement ceremony. Our students and faculty received awards, scholarships and numerous grants, all of which recognize their talents as scholars and researchers. Our chemistry department received word that our program now ranks in the top four percent of 664 accredited programs in the United States for the production of American Chemical Society-certified graduates. Our athletics program received an exceptional score on a new academic performance analysis established by the NCAA. Six of UNCW athletic programs recorded a perfect score of 1,000.

I am equally proud of our students, faculty and staff for their deep commitment to civic engagement in southeastern North Carolina. The university's Center for Leadership Education and Service calculates that UNCW students provided 27,000 hours of service during this past academic year to schools, community programs and non-profit organizations in the Wilmington area. Our student-athletes contributed another 10,000 hours of service. According to national evaluation standards, an hour of community service equates to a $17.55 investment in the local economy. Using those figures, UNCW students infused the economy with nearly $650,000 in community service! Much more significantly, UNCW is succeeding in its mission to create caring and involved citizens.

If you visit campus in the fall – and I hope you will, you will see many building projects underway. By August 2006, UNCW is scheduled to complete construction of five major projects – a new University Union, a Cultural Arts building, a Computer Information Systems building, a parking deck (the first in UNCW history), and an extraordinary new student housing apartment project funded by the university's first public/private financing venture.

Next fall, the new housing complex will open to 524 upperclassmen; every resident will have a private room, and each unit will include a full kitchen with a dishwasher and a microwave oven, washer and dryer, a dining area and a living room. Additional on-campus housing is needed and plans are underway for a second phase of housing for our students. Studies have shown that students who live on campus perform better academically, are more involved in campus activities, and have a stronger connection to the university.

This issue of *UNCW Magazine* has a feature story about the challenges we are facing in the nursing profession. I encourage you to read about the excellent work our faculty in the School of Nursing do in preparing students for the important work required in health care and about the great need we have for a new building to support a critical shortage of nurses (see page 10).

As always, thank you for your commitment to UNCW. The university offers you many ways to remain involved with the campus – attend a seminar or concert, participate in alumni events in Wilmington or across our region, enroll in a class or a short course, host an event for new students in your city or town, establish a scholarship, or mentor a student. Your involvement with UNCW is an invaluable asset and I personally welcome your feedback and support.

All the best,

Rosemary DePaolo

Rosemary DePaolo
Chancellor

To share your thoughts about UNCW with Chancellor DePaolo, please e-mail her at chancellor@uncw.edu or stop by Alderman Hall during your next campus visit.

Front cover: *The UNCW School of Nursing is addressing the critical shortage of nurses and nurse educators by increasing the number of students it accepts while maintaining high quality nursing education. Pictured are Dean Virginia Adams; Ian Natt '05, surgical intensive care nurse; RuthAnne Kuiper, assistant professor of nursing; and Melissa Beacham '96, '00M, family nurse practitioner specializing in gerontology. Photo by Jamie Moncrief*

Back cover: *Excitement and bubbles filled the air for graduates during the spring commencement ceremony. They were among the more than 1,600 students who received bachelor's and master's degrees on May 7 in Trask Coliseum. This photo illustration was created by Jamie Moncrief and Shirl Madlin Sawyer.*

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New trustees appointed to board

Robert King '66, Wendy Murphy '93, Linda Pearce and George Teague were appointed by the UNC Board of Governors to serve on the UNCW Board of Trustees. Charles Evans was re-elected to a second four-year term.

Outgoing trustees are A.P. Carlton, Larry Dagenhart and Katherine Moore, who each served two consecutive four-year terms, and Linda Upperman Smith who resigned effective Feb. 26. She was replaced by Murphy who is eligible for re-election when that term expires June 30, 2007.

Bradley Ballou, president of the Student Government Association, also joined the board of trustees. He is a sophomore from Cary, majoring in political science.

Judge Phyllis Gorham swears in UNCW Board of Trustees member Wendy Murphy '93.

College Day is Nov. 12

UNCW will host its fourth annual College Day Saturday, Nov. 12.

A variety of classes will be taught by professors from a wide variety of disciplines. Participants can choose four one-hour classes. The cost is $25 per person.

College Day is sponsored by the UNCW College of Arts and Sciences with the Division for Public Service and Continuing Studies.

More information is available at 910.962.3195 or www.uncw.edu/collegeday.

College of Arts and Sciences has new dean

David P. Cordle is the new dean of UNCW's College of Arts and Sciences.

He brings to UNCW over 21 years of administrative service, demonstrated knowledge of key academic issues in the liberal arts and sciences, experience with curriculum development, and a deep commitment to the centrality of liberal learning to the mission of higher education. For the past seven years he served as dean of the College of Arts and Sciences at Longwood University in Farmville, Va.

"The dean's position in the College of Arts and Sciences at UNCW is an exceptional leadership opportunity," Cordle said. "The higher education community has taken notice of the great strides forward that the university and the college have made in recent years. It's an honor to be selected, and I look forward to being a part of UNCW's bright future."

Among the goals the new dean will address at UNCW will be expansion of both research funding and private gifts to support programs emerging nationally as centers of academic excellence and faculty-led scholarship. Curricular content within the college, growth and enrollment management, internationalization, diversity, and regional engagement and outreach will also be reviewed.

Photo contributed

Photo by Jamie Moncrief

Chemistry major Matthew Corbitt sets up on experiment in a Dobo Hall chemistry laboratory.

Chemistry in top 25 nationally

UNCW is ranked among the top 25 in the nation for the production of American Chemical Society-certified bachelor's of science chemistry graduates. This puts UNCW in the top four percent of 664 accredited programs in the United States for the production of the ACS-certified chemistry graduates.

In the rankings, published in *Chemistry and Engineering News*, Carnegie Melon University and University of California-Davis narrowly beat UNCW's showing. UNCW tied with Brigham Young University and University of Texas at El Paso.

Within North Carolina, UNCW is tied with UNC Charlotte as the largest producer of master of science graduates in chemistry. UNCW is the third largest producer of chemistry undergraduates in the state, after UNC Chapel Hill and North Carolina State University.

The numbers compiled by ACS were from the 2002-03 academic year, when UNCW graduated 34 chemistry bachelor's students and 11 master's students. In 2004-05, UNCW had 144 undergraduate chemistry majors and 34 graduate students.

Osher Foundation awards $100,000 grant for lifelong learning program

The Bernard Osher Foundation awarded a $100,000 grant to UNCW for its lifelong learning and continuing studies program, which will be called the Osher Institute for Lifelong Learning at UNCW. This grant will enable the university to enhance the program's outreach into communities across southeastern North Carolina.

The program, founded in 1999, serves about 4,000 adult scholars annually by providing short, non-credit university courses, seminars, lectures, travel excursions and other educational opportunities. Many program participants are age 55 or older.

"We are deeply committed to making a difference in the lives of our adult learners, and this grant gives us that capability," said director Karel Dutton.

"Given the university's strong commitment to adult learners and the continued growth of that population in the southeastern portion of the state, the foundation is delighted to provide UNCW with additional resources to improve the quality and quantity of their educational services," commented Mary Bitterman, president of the Bernard Osher Foundation.

With the grant, the university plans to:

- offer more classes in the eight counties that comprise southeastern North Carolina and invest in laptop computers and equipment for those classes;
- create "Senior Fellows," an interdisciplinary certification program for adult learners who want to work with UNCW faculty as research assistants and with students as mentors;
- provide need-based lifelong learning scholarships to eligible adult scholars;
- expand Odyssey, a marine education program for adults;
- maintain College Day as an affordable experience for senior learners;
- restart a summer institute for adult learners and offer classes that may qualify as continuing education units for public school teachers.

Leaders recognized for service

to North Carolina's children and youth

Vision, tenacity, courage and sacrifice...

these are the qualities that leaders must exhibit and characteristics that are shared by all of the honorees for the Razor Walker Awards.

Since 1993, the Watson School of Education at UNCW has annually presented these prestigious and unique awards to individuals and corporations for distinguished service to the children and youth of North Carolina. Awards are presented in the categories of art/literature, business, educational administration, law, medicine, philanthropy, public service/policy and teaching/research.

"Many of these individuals have overcome great obstacles and taken significant professional risk to support the education and health of young children," said Watson School Dean Cathy Barlow. "We celebrate the achievements and contributions of these special people, who believe so strongly that our children are our most precious resource."

The 2005 Razor Walker Awards ceremony was held in May. This year's honorees are listed below.

MICHAEL C. BLACKWELL
of Thomasville

President of Boptist Children's Homes of North Carolina

Since 1983, Blackwell has effectively led an organization that serves thousands of North Carolina children and their families. He is a tireless advocate with the legislature and community groups to intensify and accelerate statewide efforts to prevent child abuse and neglect.

JAMES F. CAUSBY of Asheville

Executive director of the N. C. Association of Schaol Administrotors and farmer school superintendent

Causby is highly regarded for his success in leading school systems and communities through change and for his leadership in school bond referendum efforts. During his tenure, the Johnston County Schools became a national leader in the community involvement process for school restructuring.

ELIZABETH HILL FRASIER of Durham

Retired higher educatian administrator, public school principol and teocher

During her career, Frasier has been a pioneering educator, including the first black female principal at Franklin Porter Graham Elementary School in Chapel Hill, and an advocate for non-violent and alternative means of discipline in schools when corporal punishment was still accepted by many.

JAMES. E. HOLSHOUSER JR.
of Southern Pines

Governor of North Corolino from 1973 ta 1977, emeritus member of the UNC Boord of Governors ond practicing ottorney

As governor of North Carolina, Holshouser presided over the consolidation of all the state's public senior colleges and universities into the University of North Carolina system. He was also a resolute member of the team that sought voter approval of the 2000 Higher Education Facilities Bonds, securing the support of all 100 counties in the state.

JACK A. MENIUS of Raleigh

Former director of dentol services ot the Murdoch Center ond retired profassar of pediatric dentistry at the UNC Chopel Hill School of Dentistry

When he arrived at the Murdoch Center in Butner in 1965, Menius started a program of daily dental care and preventive services for his special needs patients. Finding the level of treatment for many children with disabilities in the state unacceptable, he advocated change with dental professionals and public policy makers and trained the next generation of professionals through externships at the Murdoch Center.

BEVERLY EAVES PERDUE of New Bern

Lieutenont governor of North Corolina, former state legislator and health core professional

Perdue has been a key figure in shaping the state's successful agenda for educational excellence, accessible health care and sustainable economic prosperity for North Carolina's families. She is an advocate for a first-class public education system with reduced class size, exceptional teachers, accountability and increased investment in rural schools.

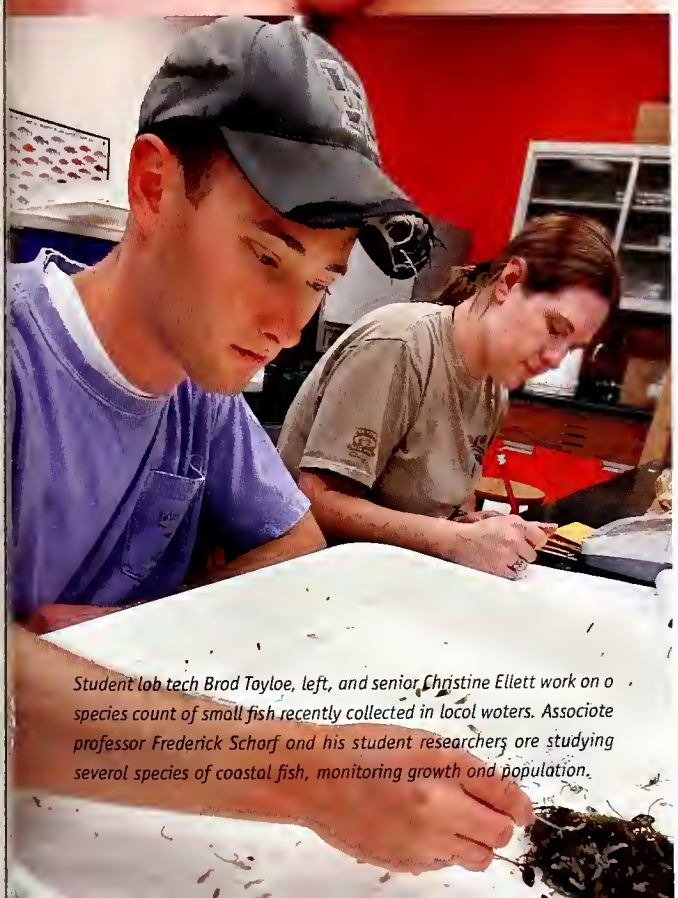
Nominations for the Razor Walker Awards are accepted throughout the year, with honorees chosen and the awards presented each spring. To receive a nomination form, contact the Watson School of Education dean's office at 910.962.3350.

Photo by Jamie Mancrief

Front row: Lt. Gov. Beverly Eaves Purdue and Elizabeth Frasier. Back row: former Gov. James Holshouser, Michael Blackwell, James Causby and Jack Menius.

faculty honors

Associate Professor Frederick Scharf holds a portion of an inner ear bone from a red snapper, called an otolith, in a marine science research lab at Fridoy Holl. Scharf and his student researchers use the polished bone to determine the age of various species of fish.



Student lab tech Brod Toyloe, left, and senior Christine Ellett work on a species count of small fish recently collected in local waters. Associate professor Frederick Scharf and his student researchers are studying several species of coastal fish, monitoring growth and population.

Photos by Jamie Moncrief

Frederick S. Scharf

assistant professor of biological sciences, shows that working with students goes hand-in-hand with research and education. His efforts were acknowledged when he received the Conference of Southern Graduate Schools Achievement Award for New Scholars in February.

His research focuses on the role that ecological processes play in structuring aquatic communities and their implications for population dynamics of marine and estuarine fishes.

But as important as his research is to him, it is his students that really fuel Scharf.

"UNCW has a unique mix, allowing people to develop independent research programs while maintaining a strong connection at the university level with undergraduates," he said.

Mike White

associate professor of creative writing, won the Vassar Miller Prize for his third volume of poetry, *Re-entry*. It will be published by University of North Texas Press.

White said he is very happy to be selected as this year's winner. "It is always a thrill to win a publication prize because there is extreme competition in the field," he noted. His other works are *Palma Cathedral*, which was awarded the Colorado prize in poetry, and *The Island*, as well as a chapbook titled *This Water*. His work has also appeared in numerous national and international magazines including *Paris Review* and *New Republic Best American Poetry*.

Louis F. Buttino

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award-winning videographer and filmmaker, added another trophy to his collection in May when he received the UNC Board of Governors Awards for Excellence in Teaching. It is one of 16 awarded in the university system and brings with it a commemorative bronze medallion and a $7,500 cash prize.

Buttino, who is a film studies professor, involves students in his documentary productions as writers, researchers, assistant directors and producers and videographers. Many of his films have been shown on PBS, including *The Lessons of September: One School Remembers 9/11*, which was nominated for a George Foster Peabody Award. He has published widely as a novelist, biographer, historian, newspaper columnist, dramatist and magazine writer.

Troubled Waters: The Illusion of Abundance, which Buttino wrote, directed and produced with Chancellor Emeritus James Leutze, won a gold special jury award at the WorldFest-Houston International Film Festival.

Learning doesn't stop at 50

Photo by Jamie Moncrief

Woody Sutton '92, '02M, continuing studies coordinator, presents Bob Ochs, left, with the Public Service and Continuing Studies 2004 Volunteer of the Year award during graduation ceremonies for the UNC Wilmington Adult Scholars Leadership program.

Engaging adults age 55 and older by addressing the critical issues facing area communities is what the UNCW Adult Scholars Leadership Program is all about.

No topic is out of bounds. No question is too risky. Participants meet with regional decision-makers and opinion-shapers focusing on regional growth, homeland security, education, government, health services and cultural arts.

"The ability to apply life experience with community knowledge along with their unique personalities goes hand-in-hand in making positive community changes," said Woody Sutton, continuing studies coordinator and program manager.

The Adult Scholars Leadership Program, offered by the UNCW Division for Public Service and Continuing Studies, celebrated its 15th year in April with a graduation ceremony for 32 participants.

Since 1991, the program has graduated over 400 adult scholars and has 243 active alumni. Alumni consist of Fortune 500 executives, government officials, educators, health care providers, lifelong volunteers and community activists.

During the spring 2005 program, participants utilized interactive video conference technology to discuss coastal renourishment policy and proposed Social Security Program changes with U.S. Rep. Mike McIntyre. Policy debates are a regular occurrence during the program. This year, affordable housing, land use planning and wetlands protection took center stage.

"When I moved to Wilmington, I began searching for avenues to get involved and contribute to my community," said class of 2005 graduate Tanya Suarez, a semi-retired program evaluator for educational, human service and cultural arts grant-funded initiatives.

"With UNCW's well established reputation for public and community service, the Adult Scholars Leadership Program was a logical choice. To my surprise, each session was presented by the people who make things happen in this community, across the state and nation."

Alumni of the program stay involved by volunteering as members of the planning committee.

"Attending the Adult Scholars Leadership Program was very exhilarating, inspirational and very informative, an experience which added to my personal growth," said committee member Lethia Hankins, class of 2002 and Wilmington City Councilwoman.

Additional information about the Adult Scholars Leadership Program can be obtained by contacting Sutton at 910.962.7074 or suttonc@uncw.edu.

Photo contributed

This phota taken in 2002 shaws UNCW students ot the ruins at Lamanai, Belize. Scott E. Simmans, UNCW archaealagy professor, conducts annual summer field schaals ta the site. He is the ca-principal investigatar an the Lamanai Archaealagical Project and directar af the Maya Archaeametallurgy Project, which studies the specialized praductian af capper and bronze abjects in the Maya Lawland area during Postclassic and Spanish Calanial times.

On the road to knowledge

Explore the world on UNCW sponsored trips

California wine exploration

Join California wine-industry expert, Larry Clark, dean of the Cameron School of Business, Oct. 1-7 for a week-long insider's tour to the finest wineries in California. Tour includes visits to Beringer, Kendall-Jackson and Charles Krug wineries as well as smaller family wineries such as Cakebread Cellars, Kenwood and Kunde.

Lewis and Clark river cruise

Aboard the *Queen of the West*, cruise nearly 1,000 miles along the Columbia, Snake and Willamette rivers in the historic footsteps of Lewis and Clark on the Oregon Trail, Oct. 21-28. Visit Fort Clatsop and other landmarks, along with such natural wonders as the Columbia River Gorge, Wallula Gap, Mount St. Helens and 620-foot-high Multnomah Falls. Philip Gerard, professor of creative writing, leads this "real west" adventure.

3,000 years of Mayan culture: Lamanai, Belize

Beyond vast pine savannahs and pristine spring-fed wetlands lie 3,000 years of culture and immaculate ecosystems. Explore the mysterious jungle to reveal shrouded Mayan temples. Unlock the secrets of how ancient potions are prepared and used today in jungle villages. Observe troops of howler monkeys as they start the day foraging high in the jungle canopy. These are but a few of the unbelievable hands-on learning experiences that await at the Lamanai Mayan Ruins in Belize. Adventure scheduled for early March 2006.

More coming adventures ...

Scandinavia, summer 2006 – home of the Arctic wilderness, Viking kings and the "Midnight Sun."

Italy, fall 2006 – art and architecture over the ages.

Russia, summer 2007 – royalty and revolutions – explore the passionate history, culture and people of Russia.

These travel programs are sponsored by the UNCW Division for Public Service and Continuing Studies. To register for or to request more information about these and other trips, please contact Danice Grkinich at 910.962.3971 or grkinichd@uncw.edu.

Polish police learn about democracy

Democracy in the United States is over 200 years old; however, in newly emerging democracies, professional law enforcement services based on democratic principles and respect for human rights is a newly acquired concept.

A plush doll named Sznupek, a Polish version of "McGruff the Crime Dog," was one of the small gifts left by the officers who visited the UNC Wilmington campus this spring.

In March, six high-ranking Polish National Police officers took part in a comprehensive training program coordinated by the UNCW Department of Sociology and Criminal Justice, in cooperation with the New Hanover County Sheriff's Office, New Hanover/Pender County District Attorney's Office and Wilmington Police Department.

The program, nominated by Bob Wadman, former Wilmington police chief, professor of criminal justice at Weber State University and visiting professor of criminal justice at UNCW during the fall semester 2004, was made possible by a grant from the International Criminal Investigative Training Assistance Program, U.S. Department of Justice.

"The Department of Justice is building a relationship with foreign law enforcement agencies all over the world to promote stronger democracies," said Nicole Whitaker, program manager for the ICITAP Poland Program. ICITAP helps foreign governments develop the capacity to provide professional law enforcement services based on best policing practices, respect for human rights and the rule of law.

The UNCW Department of Sociology and Criminal Justice hosts two more training sessions for distinguished law enforcement officials from the Polish National Police in June and in March 2006.

Tsunami possible along East Coast

December's devastating tsunami in the Indian Ocean has left many wondering if something similar could happen along coastal areas of North America.

UNCW geologists Nancy Grindlay and Meghan Hearne, along with Paul Mann of the University of Texas Austin, have determined that the potential for a devastating tsunami in the northern Caribbean is high, and with a growing coastal population, some 35.5 million people could be at risk.

They focused on one major source of past tsunamis in the region: movement along the boundary between the North American and Caribbean tectonic plates.

According to an article in *Eos*, the newspaper of the American Geophysical Union, at least 10 significant tsunamis have been documented in the northern Caribbean since 1492, six of which resulted in loss of life.

All 10 were triggered by movement along this plate boundary, which lies along the north coast of Hispaniola (Haiti and the Dominican Republic) and extends 2,000 miles from Central America to the Lesser Antilles.

With a significant tsunami occurring, on average, every 50 years, the researchers believe the northern Caribbean is overdue for another hit. The effects could be felt along the Greater and Lesser Antilles and along the Atlantic and Gulf Coasts of the United States.

Planning is underway for an early warning system in the Caribbean, Grindlay said.

Photos by Jamie Moncrief

CAA scholar-athlete honors

Junior Michael Krayer of UNC Wilmington was named the Colonial Athletic Association's top scholar athlete in men's swimming and diving for the 2004-05 season.

The Hattersheim, Germany native, a double major in marine biology and chemistry, has compiled a 3.93 grade point average. He sparked the Seahawks to their fourth consecutive CAA championship, winning the 50 freestyle and swimming a leg on UNCW's three-time champion 200 freestyle relay team.

"Michael is just a fantastic young man," said Coach Dave Allen. "He's well deserving of this award. He's done a great job in the pool as one of our team captains and has also performed well in the classroom in two difficult majors. It's a credit to the type of person he is."

Krayer is a two-time recipient of the CAA Commissioner's Academic Award and has received the Golden Seahawk Award for the past three years. Academically, he received the DeLoach Award for Organic Chemistry in 2003-04. He also received the Chancellor's Achievement Award last year.

Baseball season record setting

It was a record-setting campaign for the Seahawks on both the team and individual levels.

Led by CAA Coach of the Year Mark Scalf, UNCW won 40 games for the third straight season at 40-19 and set standards with 39 regular season wins and a 21-3 mark in CAA action. The 21 league wins bested the previous record of 20-4 set by George Mason in 2003.

UNCW became just the second team in conference history to win 40 games for three straight seasons, and its six-game lead in the standings was the second largest margin.

Hampered by early season injuries, UNCW closed out the campaign by going 33-9, with four winning streaks of at least five games. The Seahawks matched a school record with 11 consecutive wins that included a pair of conference sweeps at Hofstra and defending regular season champion George Mason.

The Seahawks were denied a chance at their second straight conference title after going 1-2 in the CAA Championship at Brooks Field. UNCW rallied past No. 6 Hofstra, 9-6, on opening day, but fell to Towson, 6-1, on day two. The Seahawks were eliminated by second-seeded George Mason, 9-7.

Golfers make NCAA regionals

Led by medalist Brian Joyce's closing round 68, UNCW posted a 10-stroke victory over Towson in April to capture its second consecutive CAA men's golf title and earn the league's automatic berth into the NCAA Regionals.

Joyce, a senior from Wilson, carded the low round of the tournament and was one of only three players under par on the final day in ideal scoring conditions on the Upper Cascades Course at The Homestead Resort.

The women's golf team made its fourth consecutive appearance in the NCAA Regionals after collecting an at-large bid to the 2005 NCAA Division I Women's Golf Championships in April. The Seahawks were ranked 33rd nationally by Golfstat.

Capaccio named athletic director

Mike Capaccio, who served as UNC Wilmington's athletic director on an interim basis for seven months, was elevated to the full-time post in May by Chancellor Rosemary DePaolo.

"Mike has done a wonderful job during this transitional period for the athletic department and we look forward to his direction as the program moves forward," DePaolo said.

Capaccio joined UNCW in 1999 to serve as director of basketball operations and assisted both the men's and women's programs in several different areas, including academics, community service, travel, alumni relations, special events and fund-raising. He was named director of student-athlete operations in 2001 and took over as executive director of the Student Aid Association (Seahawk Club) in 2002.

"I'm very excited to have the opportunity to lead this athletic department," said Capaccio. "It's an athletic department that's in very good shape at this time. We want to continue to have the success on and off the playing field that we've had in the past. It's a great opportunity for me and I'm looking forward to the challenge."

Track and field wins seventh CAA title

The men's track and field team scored a school-record 218.5 points as the Seahawks claimed their seventh overall Colonial Athletic Association title in April at George Mason Stadium in Fairfax, Va. The women finished third behind William & Mary, which claimed its fifth straight title.

UNCW also set a school standard with 12 event championships, winning six on both the men and women's sides. Overall, 17 Seahawks earned All-Conference honors.

"Many young girls are ... becoming trained nurses, whose gentle ministrations in the sick-room, skilled touch, patient watchfulness and unwearied vigils, are as great factors in the care of the sick, as are the professional physicians."

Lydia Hoyt Farmer, *What America Owes to Women*, 1893

One profession, many roles

Nursing student Katy Campbell reads to Cory Taatle, 13, during quiet time at Camp Special Time. The camp offers children hands-on recreation and learning experiences with students from UNC Wilmington's School of Nursing and recreational therapy department.

Nurses and nursing education critical to future of health care

by Dana Fischetti

Written at a time when nursing was becoming an organized, honored profession, this description illustrates qualities the best nurses exhibit to this very day. The face of nursing is also changing, as more men and racial and ethnic minorities are encouraged to enter the profession.

They enter the profession because they care about the well-being of others, and they want to make a difference. But in other ways, nursing has come a long way, baby.

In recent years, the roles of nurses have expanded and greatly increased in responsibility, and professional opportunities for registered nurses have become virtually limitless. While many nurses still practice in the traditional settings of hospitals and doctors' offices, others are involved in health education, research, business and public policy.

UNCW School of Nursing alumni are following a variety of career paths and helping to redefine nursing. Demand for graduates is very high. Every student in the class of 2005 received at least three to four job offers, and 88 percent had committed to employment before graduation.

"The opportunities in nursing are endless," said Sheila Lane '05, who graduated in May. "It's a profession that can take you anywhere. There's such a need for nurses that new graduates can get jobs anywhere. Now is the time to get involved in nursing."

Still, like the health care industry in general, nursing finds itself facing many serious challenges.

In North Carolina and across the nation, there is a critical shortage of nurses and nurse educators, which is only expected to worsen in the foreseeable future. The combination of an aging population, increased demand for nursing care and an aging nursing workforce is pushing the state toward an impending crisis.

According to the Task Force on the North Carolina Nursing Workforce Report, commissioned by the North Carolina Institute of Medicine and published in May 2004, long-range forecasts predict a shortage of anywhere from 9,000 nurses in 2015 to almost 18,000 by 2020.

North Carolina and the nation desperately need new nurses, yet every year schools of nursing are turning away large numbers of qualified applicants. It's a paradox that has to be addressed.

In recent years, the number of students admitted to the UNCW School of Nursing has grown dramatically. For the 2004-05 academic year, 63 students were admitted to the prelicensure Bachelor of Science in Nursing (BSN) program out of 140 applicants, 97 of whom were eligible for the program. For 2006-07, 97 students will be admitted from a total applicant pool of 168, with 132 eligible applicants.

According to Virginia Adams, dean of the UNCW School of Nursing and a member of the task force, there are two main reasons why more students are not admitted to the program: lack of physical space and lack of qualified faculty.

"We know that our responsibility to the state and its citizens is to continue to increase the number of graduates from our programs to meet the growing demand, but we have no choice each year but to turn away students who are qualified because we simply don't have the facilities or the faculty to teach them," said Adams.

The answer to one of these problems is a new School of Nursing building, which is currently in the planning stages.

Earlier this year, UNCW received $500,000 from the state to do a needs study and plan for a new nursing facility. The proposed building, tentatively named the School of Nursing and Health Sciences Professions Building, is to be 80,000 square feet and will house the Departments of Social Work and Health and Applied Human Sciences as well as the School of Nursing. One of the highlights of the building will be a simulation theater, complete with cameras and observation windows, where students and faculty can learn to perform procedures on computer-controlled patient simulator mannequins.

Although planning is just the first step in the process and funding is still needed to build the facility, Adams sees it as a strong positive sign.

"There is recognition in the General Assembly of this need," she said. "Our legislators understand that we must educate more nurses and that UNCW has the potential to provide a high quality education to many more nursing students with a facility built for that purpose. They have been very supportive of our goals."

For many years, the nursing program has been located in Hoggard Hall, one of the original buildings on campus, which has long, narrow hallways with small classrooms and offices on either side. The School of Nursing outgrew the building long ago and classes spilled over into other buildings, but faculty, staff and students continued to make the best of the situation.

"Hoggard Hall was never designed for the kind of classes that our students need to be in," said Adams. "It was designed as a

Ian Nott '05 Surgical intensive care

One of a growing number of male nurses, Ian Nott grew up wanting to be a doctor but realized nursing offered more of the hands-on care he was looking for.

"In high school I took a health care professions course, and it gave me first-hand experience with what nurses do," he said. "They have such a critical role in patient care. Any health care setting can be stressful for the patient and the family, and it's rewarding to know that you can help them feel comfortable and reassured."

Nott has accepted a position in the surgical intensive care unit at Pitt County Memorial Hospital. He was attracted to working in critical care because of the fast pace of the work and the impact that nurses can have on saving lives.

"I'm interested in the people who come back from trauma and the procedures that are done to help them survive and heal," he said.

Karen Hines '81A, '87 Nurse coordinator

A nurse coordinator for the ambulatory surgical unit and post anesthesia care unit at Cape Fear Hospital, Hines uses what she learned at UNCW on a daily basis.

"The associate's degree program trained me to be a hospital nurse," she said. The focus in the bachelor's degree program was much more on primary health care and prevention so it built on what we had already learned."

"The times were really changing when I was in the program," she said. "Technology was just coming into nursing education. Nurses today have to know about 10 different computer programs that cover everything from charting to scheduling to lab entry.

"Research was another area for the UNCW program that was far-sighted because research and evidence-based practice is what it's all about in nursing today. If you want to change something in practice, you have to know what studies have shown to be the right course of action."

Melissa Beacham '96, '00M
Family nurse practitioner, gerontology

Melissa Beacham visits patients every day at Britthaven of North Chase, a nursing home in Wilmington. As part of a practice with two physicians and five nurse practitioners, she provides patient assessment and evaluation, creates a medical plan of care, provides family and end-of-life counseling, and updates the physician on the patient's condition.

"As a nurse practitioner who is there every day, I feel I can directly impact the quality of care the patients receive and help keep them out of the hospital.

"My undergraduate degree gave me a really good foundation for anything I've wanted to do in nursing," said Beacham, a member of the first class in UNCW's master's of nursing program. "With the master's, I was able to hone my skills in gerontology, and I've also been able to teach at UNCW as part-time faculty."

high school. Piece by piece, we carved out room for the program but we never had adequate space for our students to work with the latest simulation technology or to facilitate our faculty in conducting research, mentoring their students and interacting with one another."

Earlier this year, the School of Nursing moved out of Hoggard Hall to make way for a renovation and construction of an addition. Classes are being taught in Friday Hall, and faculty and staff offices, as well as the computer and simulation labs, are housed in Friday Annex, a temporary facility built for use by offices displaced during construction.

"This is such a great program," said Erin Kirby '05, who graduated with her bachelor of science in nursing in May. "The teachers are very well qualified. But the building doesn't reflect the quality of the faculty and the program. A new nursing building would draw more students as well as more new faculty. It would also provide space for a lot more technology and demonstrations of procedures that we didn't have."

While faculty, staff and students have settled in well to their new quarters, Adams looks forward to construction of the new building.

"We can't wait to be united under one roof and be able to provide an educational environment that facilitates the high-tech, high touch learning necessary for students of the 21st century," she said. "It takes time and it takes resources, but we have a supportive university administration and committed community members who are part of our Nurse Advocate Board. We're going to make it happen."

Once the School of Nursing has enough space to admit more students, it still must find highly qualified faculty to teach them. That will also be a challenge, according to Adams.

"We have an exceptional, diverse group of faculty," she said. "Still, it's been a challenge to fill positions over the last few years. We're looking for people who have a doctoral degree, a strong background in teaching and a strong background in clinical excellence. That combination is difficult to find."

While candidates with those qualities do exist, there is competition for them from schools of nursing across the nation and abroad, Adams said, and many larger schools are able to offer greater salaries than schools the size of UNCW.

"You hear so much about the nursing shortage but you hear so little about the nurse educator shortage," said William "Brew" Boyden '02, a critical care nurse at University Hospital in Ann Arbor, Mich.

"There is a national shortage there as well and it's a cyclical process. If you don't have enough nurse educators, you can't admit more students. People wonder why schools of nursing don't just let more students in, but they can't if there's no one to teach them."

According to the American Nurses Association, registered nurses represent the largest single component of the health care profession with an estimated 2.7 million R.N.s in the U.S. The challenge for nursing programs nationally is to educate the next generation of nurses fast enough to take their places as they retire.

"Nurses are the backbone of this country's health care system," said Adams. "We need to remind the public of the critical role that nurses play and to constantly advocate for the support that nurses need to provide the absolute best patient care."

Dana Fischetti is the marketing and communications consultant for UNCW's professional schools.

UNCW center increases health care options in rural county

By Mimi Cunningham

Residents of rural counties surrounding urban centers such as Wilmington often lack health care delivery options. But, with help from the University of North Carolina Wilmington, that is changing in one Columbus County community.

UNCW's School of Nursing sought grants to build, fund and operate the Bolton Health and Wellness Center, bringing health care to a section of the state which has the highest prostate cancer rate in the nation and the highest rate of high blood pressure, heart disease and diabetes among African-Americans in the state.

The Bolton Center is managed by nurse practitioner Marie Lavon Campbell. A member of the Waccamaw-Siouan tribe, Campbell grew up in the St. James Community at Lake Waccamaw, one of two native-American communities in Columbus County.

An employee of UNCW, she utilizes nursing students to do research as well as help care for patients as they learn.

"We are focused on education and wellness, and I see patients from the womb to the tomb, excluding obstetrics," she said.

One of her patients, Harold Rains of the Buckhead community, a Waccamaw-Siouan and former Columbus County sheriff, has had diabetes for 25 years with related neuropathy, glaucoma and retinopathy. Although he was being seen by several specialists in Wilmington, Rains was experiencing severe pain and said he was taking too much medication.

"Marie came to one of the tribal meetings to brief the tribe about the clinic," he said. "I asked my endocrinologist about being seen by a nurse practitioner, and he said nurse practitioners were impressive.

Campbell is now Rains' primary caregiver. He is no longer in pain and his blood sugar is under control. "I'll never be cured, but the important thing is that we're able to manage it. It's also convenient. I can be here in a few minutes," he said.

The clinic is a service-learning site for students in nursing, social work, sociology, education and gerontology. Anna S. Kirk '02 is a registered nurse, working at the Columbus County Hospital and studying for the nurse practitioner master's degree at UNCW. She occasionally has clinical rotations at the Bolton Center.

"This place means a lot to me," Kirk said. "My grandfather was from Bolton. He died at age 30 from complications of diabetes and left a five-year-old son who became my father. My father lives here and is a patient here. He's been a diabetic for 30 years. He had been seeing an endocrinologist in Wilmington, but his blood sugar was out of control. When he came here, Marie changed his insulin, and he got better in one week.

"With the clinic here, patients can be kept under control and not have to go on dialysis. I would love to work here and help Marie give back to this community," Kirk said.

As Congressman Mike McIntyre addresses the crowd outside the Bolton Health and Wellness Center, a resident of the small, rural town listens from next door, outside the town's Senior & Youth Center. The Columbus County health facility received a $309,747 grant from the Blue Cross and Blue Shield of North Carolina Foundation April 11.

Marie Campbell

Anna Kirk

Memories & hope:

not all lost in aging process

Misplaced car keys. A name forgotten just minutes after meeting someone new. Purposefully entering a room, then not being able to remember what you were going to do there.

Photo by Jamie Roberts

By Marybeth K. Bianchi

"Everybody forgets things. This is normal, but at some point it could indicate the early stages of a real problem,"

said Len Lecci, a clinical psychologist and associate professor of psychology at the University of North Carolina Wilmington. He is one of several psychology department faculty members who are exploring various aspects of memory.

Memory loss is a major concern of older adults, and is one of the largest threats to independent living.

Normal aging doesn't involve dramatic loss of memory. There are subtle declines, a slowing of information processing speed, neuroscientist and UNCW psychology professor Julian Keith explained. Most individuals aren't aware these changes are occurring.

And "not all forms of memory decline," observes Karen Daniels, assistant professor of psychology who is studying memory rehabilitation. "What doesn't decline are automatic, over-learned types of memory – habitual things like driving your car, your golf swing, or tying your shoes. Those abilities stay relatively intact with age."

Memories of life events also seldom fade with normal aging, UNCW psychologist Nicole Alea noted. Details may become fuzzy, but the gist and the emotions of the event remain strong. "We remember life events that are important to us," she said.

Memories that are preserved generally are those that are most personally significant, and thought or talked about often. "We have long-term autobiographical memories for a reason. They tell us who we are as a person. They define us. They keep us close to other people," Alea said about her research findings.

But, memory loss does occur normally with age. And when it happens, it is most evident with forms of memory dependent on "executive functions" – cognitive skills and processes that are critical for complex thought and behavior.

"It has to do with remembering specific details from the past, but also with remembering to do things in the future, and making decisions that require you to integrate information from multiple sources or past events," Daniels pointed out.

She believes memory loss can be slowed or even reversed through mental exercise in addition to physical exercise and a good diet.

"In my lab we are taking a two-pronged approach, trying to better understand why memory declines with age, but also trying to develop techniques that can slow these declines," Daniels said.

She and fellow faculty member Jeffrey Toth are developing age-appropriate video games with themes and goals consistent with the interests of someone over 50. In one study, individuals aged 65 and over were sent home with a video game called Art Dealer which takes a total of eight hours to play. They were tested on a number of memory indicators before and after playing the game.

"We're really excited about the gains we saw as a function of game play," Daniels said, "especially because we are seeing gains in executive abilities."

While it can't hurt, there is "little evidence that solving crossword puzzles will slow decline," Daniels noted, but added that anything one does to stimulate mental activity may have some positive influence.

Future studies will pair mental stimulation with aerobic fitness – which causes brain growth in the frontal lobes, an area critical for executive functions. Daniels said research has shown that people who are physically fit are better off mentally, but how much of that is due to exercise is not known because other factors haven't been ruled out.

Keith concurs. He has found that a good diet, exercise and a stimulating environment actually increase the rate of neurogenesis, or the rebuilding of neurons within the brain, which naturally slows as part of the aging process.

Aside from normal aging, "many memory problems arise from highly treatable problems," Lecci said. Hormone imbalances, sleep deprivation, depression and stress can be factors. Degenerative neurological disorders like Alzheimer's disease are also a major cause of memory loss, and these too can be treated.

But catching disease-related memory loss early and determining its cause aren't easy tasks.

Lecci noted that most family doctors aren't trained to detect memory loss in their patients. For example, in the most recent report of the Surgeon General it was concluded that fewer than 3 percent of cases with the early signs of dementia and less than 25 percent of those with moderate to severe dementia were detected during routine medical examinations.

"But that's understandable, as they have neither the time nor the specialized training to do a thorough memory assessment," Lecci said.

Pooling their knowledge and skills, Lecci, Keith and Dale Cohen, a cognitive psychologist at UNCW, this spring established Memory Assessment and Research Services (MARS). The initiative is part of the UNCW Technology Transfer, which is intended to facilitate the transfer of knowledge from the academic setting to the community.

The assessment aspect of the service will track subtle memory changes in individuals before major losses occur and make it easier for clients to receive interventions that help maintain memory. As part of the research aspect, Cohen will be working behind the scenes, analyzing the assessments to determine which measures are most sensitive in the detection of dementia and developing new measures that will be able to detect the disease earlier.

The comprehensive MARS assessment includes the "gold standard" of memory tests, the Wechsler Memory Scale; a test of cognitive functioning, the Wechsler Adult Intelligence Scale; a personality profile; a validated measure of current mood, and a clinical interview.

Because "memory is multidimensional," Cohen noted, each of these measures adds an important piece of information to better understand the individual and helps rule out other concerns that can sometimes be mistaken for dementia.

Lecci explained that the best way to determine if memory is declining is by doing a baseline assessment and taking follow-up tests. He compared it to tracking a hurricane – measuring more than once is the

MEMORY CHECK

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best way to document movement (change), and the more points of reference one has, the better one can project the future track it will take.

"A single snapshot of a person's memory abilities at one point in time is limited in terms of predicting how his memory will be in the future," Keith said.

Lecci also pointed out that a particular challenge is detecting memory problems in people who start out with above-average memory. "Just taking a snapshot (one time) assessment and comparing performance to the average is especially problematic for this type of individual as they will have had to decline a great deal before appearing to have a memory problem."

When is it time to get a memory check? "It's when your memory is fine," Lecci emphasized. He also stressed that "getting a baseline when functioning is as normal as possible is critical to maximizing early detection."

MARS recommends a full memory assessment before individuals (or their families) are aware of any memory loss. For most individuals, this means establishing a baseline for everyone aged 55 and over, then having a reassessment every few years if memory seems normal and the individual has no risk factors. Risk factors include family history of Alzheimer's disease or other dementias, diabetes, high blood pressure, or any central nervous system dysfunction. If risk factors exist, another assessment in a year is recommended. If some memory loss is indicated in the first assessment, follow-up testing may be recommended within six months.

"For all diseases, early detection makes all the difference in the world," Cohen said. Cohen emphasized that, even someone "who is 82 and sharp as a tack" would benefit from annual assessments, because detecting and treating dementia at any age will improve the quality of life for one's remaining years.

When an individual leaves MARS, "you will have information that will be of value both immediately and also in the future as your memory abilities change," Keith said.

Clients are encouraged to share that information with their family physicians, and at their request, MARS will provide a summary of the findings and recommendations for their physicians that can be incorporated into an overall treatment plan.

Keith said even just five or 10 years ago, it wouldn't have made sense to have a center like MARS "because the medications weren't there" which could treat memory problems revealed through assessment.

Several medications are currently on the market to treat dementia and more are in the pipeline. "There is a whole class of drugs in Phase III clinical trials – they attack the problem in a very promising way. They go after the root cause of Alzheimer's. These new drugs could revolutionize Alzheimer's treatments," Keith said.

Researchers are exploring drugs that slow neurodegeneration, specifically those that attack beta-amyloid, a protein produced in the brain of people with Alzheimer's disease. Keith explained that the protein causes plaque to form around neurons in the brain, which kills them causing a loss of cognitive processes. "Breakthroughs on the pharmaceutical front will continue to make what we do more important," Keith said. "Assessments that detect early memory loss will be important so people can receive those treatments while their brain is still healthy enough to benefit from them."

"The idea of a regular memory check-up may sound new now, but that would have been the case for mammograms or prostate exams years ago," Lecci said.

"If the assessments indicate that there's no need for concern, clients walk away with something of great value, peace of mind," said Keith.

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Sam Fisher places the last piece of the puzzle as he enjoys his favorite pastime at the Coastal Adult Day Care Center.

RESEARCH AID

Karen Daniels and Nicole Alea are seeking men and women 55 years of age and over to participate in research projects on memory and aging at UNCW. For more information on how to become a part of the UNCW Adult Participant Pool, please call 910.962.7217.

Center offers caregivers respite

By Marybeth K. Bianchi

Former accountant Ben Roberts, 79, once a man who was a master of numbers, cannot remember where his dog Ralph is moments after letting him out into the yard.

Two strokes have taken their toll, affecting Roberts not only physically, but also mentally, robbing him of his once razor-sharp memory.

Thelma Roberts retired after 27 years as a secretary at Blount Elementary School in Wilmington after her husband's second stroke.

Thelma Raberts

"Ben needed me," she said. "And I wanted to care for him."

However, the burden of full-time care giving was more than she could handle.

"I thought I could do it all," she said sadly.

Then she remembered a brochure she had picked up months before for Coastal Adult Day Care Center.

At first, Thelma said, "I had the feeling I was putting him away."

Instead, she gave him a new lease on life.

Just walk through the door of the center, with its cheery yellow walls and comfortable living room furniture. Meet Betty Ann Sanders, with her trademark blue-rimmed eyeglasses, who greets everybody with a big smile and hug as if she is welcoming them to her own home.

"This is a fun place," she said. Although illnesses and disabilities bring about 30 men and women to the center each day, the staff looks beyond that, treating each individual as a member of their family.

Thelma, whose children live out of town, agrees, "This is my family."

Sanders, the stylish host of "Let's Read" on UNCW-TV, vice chair of the UNCW Board of Visitors and member of the UNCW Nurse Advocate Board, has operated Coastal Adult Day Care Center for four years with her daughter Jennifer Riker. There is a staff of seven including registered nurses and certified nursing assistants as well as UNCW students studying nursing and social work who gain valuable hands-on experience during internships.

In the large room at the back of the center, there is flurry of activity as a game of balloon volleyball ensues. One man sits quietly at a table working a jigsaw puzzle. A few minutes later, everyone is seated in a circle raising their arms up and down in a rhythmic exercise, with one woman helping another who appears to be physically weaker.

"Interaction is the key to keeping them going," Sanders said. The goal is to keep families together and prevent institutionalization.

"Sometimes Betty Ann has a ledger sheet fixed for Ben," Thelma said. For another participant, who had been an executive with a Fortune 500 company, she set up an extra room as an office.

Participants' mental and physical abilities are assessed; medications are managed. Stimulation is provided through crafts, games, exercises, dog therapy with Carolina Canines, art therapy with members of the Wilmington Art Association, gardening at the New Hanover County Arboretum's ability garden, bowling and visits by school children. There is little time to sit around and watch television.

A former executive with a large assisted care company, Riker believes all this activity is vital to the health and wellbeing of participants as well as the care givers.

"Alzheimer's and dementia are terrible diseases, but with stimulation and the things we do to enhance cognitive skills, we do see a slowing in progression," she said, and physical illness is also less frequent.

Thelma said services provided by the center are beneficial not only for Ben's wellbeing, but hers as well.

"I can see this program has helped him in many ways. My husband needed interaction and caring in order to give me a break. He benefits from this and I benefit," she said. "I can bring him here and have him feel comfortable, and I can go home and take a nap, relieved, knowing that his needs are met. It has meant a lot to him. And to me."

Liz Singletan spends her marning stringing multicolared bracelets at Coastal Adult Day Care Center.

Photo by Jamie Moncrief

MBA Learning Alliance

provides student expertise to meet local business needs

Local gourmet foods company Goodness Gracie is poised to make a leap to the next level in business growth.

by Dana Fischetti

The cookie maker, which began in a home kitchen in 1996, is getting regional and national publicity, sharply increasing the demand for its products. While it's a great problem to have, that kind of growth has to be carefully managed, according to owners Carter and Sallie Price.

"We are looking at a number of issues related to growth such as physical expansion, adding some degree of automation and extending the shelf life of our product," said Carter Price. "All of these complex issues are tied into doing business at a much higher volume. We're not going to overextend ourselves."

Like many small business owners, the Prices' time is fully occupied with running the business on a daily basis. Each already wears several hats, and there is little time for market research, forecasting or strategic planning.

So how can they keep the business strong and profitable and still prepare for growth?

Enter the MBA Learning Alliance, a new program of the Cameron School of Business at UNCW.

Goodness Gracie employees Cindy Catlett and Sandy Martin prepare a batch of Heavenly Toffee Cookies for packaging as MBA students Joe Rodriguez, Hilary Grady and Zack Bennett (back row, left to right) and company owners Sallie Price and Carter Price look on.

Photo by Jamie Moncrief

Through the alliance, teams of students in the Master of Business Administration (MBA) program provide small to mid-sized companies with relevant business analysis and recommendations. At the same time, the students receive hands-on exposure to the realities and complexities of business operations.

"The Learning Alliance attracted me to the UNCW program," said Zack Bennett, an outcomes analyst at New Hanover Regional Medical Center. "I wanted an MBA program that would give me real world experience outside the health care industry."

In the past, MBA teams developed plans to take a product from inception to marketplace introduction, but the company existed only on paper. Now students are immersed for 15 months in the challenges business owners face every day.

"Most MBA programs do some kind of real world project but this one is unique," said Vince Howe, professor of marketing and MBA program director. "The relationship continues long-term, so the students really know the client's business and can make informed recommendations. They apply what they're learning in the program to the specific needs of an existing company."

During this first year, 52 students are participating on 10 Learning Alliance teams, each facilitated by a counselor from the Small Business and Technology Development Center and an MBA program faculty member. The teams' first major assignment, completed last fall, was an environmental analysis of each business, covering all aspects of the firm's industry and competition. Each team also completed audits focused on information technology, marketing and human resources.

The culminating project is a growth/profit analysis, with the area of focus chosen by the client in consultation with faculty. Final projects will be presented to the teams' business clients and faculty in September.

For their growth/profit analysis, the Prices have asked the Goodness Gracie team to look at the costing structure for the business and how it can be tied into inventory.

"We need a better understanding of our labor costs and our ingredient costs," said Sallie Price. "We want to know exactly what that cookie costs us to make and package."

The Prices also want software for production budgeting so they can be prepared to fulfill more medium-sized orders. While their current software tells how much product is shipped each day in dollars, those sales don't tie back into inventory.

"We want to develop a program that will automatically calculate each day how much they have used of various ingredients and tie that in with their sales forecast," Bennett said. "Right now, they're not always getting the best price on ingredients like butter. If they can more accurately forecast how much they'll need, they can take better advantage of wholesale prices."

Input was also sought on plans for new products and expansion into new markets. "Goodness Gracie is a cookie company because that happens to be the product they introduced first," said MBA team member Hilary Carter, an account executive with Talk PR. "But their goal has always been to be a snack food company, and they're ready to move more in that direction."

The Prices said they are impressed with the work their MBA team has done so far, and they're excited to see the results of the costing analysis.

"We need some expertise in computer programming and forecasting," said Carter Price. "These students have knowledge and experience in those areas that we just don't have. They can help us develop the tools we need to support our growth."

Another corporate participant in the Learning Alliance is Sage Island, a full-service marketing agency in Wilmington specializing in Web design, traditional advertising and Internet marketing. Although Sage Island is a very different kind of business from Goodness Gracie, marketing creative services rather than a product, the two companies are facing similar challenges.

Sage Island also has experienced tremendous success, and the staff is so busy serving current customers that there is little time to identify opportunities for future growth.

That's why Sage Island partner Mike Duncan '92 jumped at the chance to participate in the Learning Alliance.

"The alliance is extremely helpful as we plan the future direction of our company," said Duncan. "We benefit from having six dedicated consultants for almost a year and a half, and they gain significant real world experience. It truly is a mutually beneficial program."

The program's success hinges on the hard work and dedication of the MBA students, who take their roles in analyzing and advising the companies seriously.

"We like working with a real brick and mortar company as opposed to an imaginary one," said Melanie Williams '00, a member of the Sage Island team. "But that comes with a lot of responsibility. We think hard about the recommendations we make to the company because if those recommendations fail that's money out of someone's pocket."

Christy Shannon, another Sage Island team member, worked in advertising and marketing with Marriott Corporation for more than 12 years. In coming back to school to earn her MBA, she wanted to apply what she learned in real world situations.

"It's very meaningful for MBA students to work with a business owner, discuss actual business problems and have access to what is really going on in that company," she said. "For practical, real business experience, the Cameron School program is top notch."

Mike Duncan agrees.

"What this MBA team has done for us so far in terms of research and analysis is more than we've been able to do as a company in eight years," he said. "It's made a real difference for our business."

SBTDC SUPPORTS LEARNING ALLIANCE

To identify business partners for the MBA Learning Alliance, the Cameron School turned to the Small Business and Technology Development Center (SBTDC), a business development service of the UNC system, operated in partnership with the U.S. Small Business Administration.

Leslie Langer, SBTDC director, said she and her staff identified businesses that could benefit from a long-term relationship with MBA students and had the resources to pursue the students' ideas.

"We wanted companies with the management and financial wherewithal to implement the teams' recommendations," said Langer. "The overall benefit is that jointly the Cameron School and the SBTDC are promoting UNCW as a partner to help regional businesses grow."

Other companies participating in the 2004-2005 Learning Alliance include Blockade Runner, Cape Fear Credit Union, Cape Fear Fish Merchants, ExpoStar Displays, Flow Sciences, Porta-Nails, Premier Molded Plastics and Wilmington Pathology.

Upperman Smith carries on father's legacy with real heart

By Ruthie Seeley '05

A soft-spoken, caring and concerned person, Dr. Leroy W. Upperman believed in doing the right thing.

His love of education and desire to provide opportunities for the advancement of African-American students played a major part in his bequest of funds for scholarships and activities, promoting academic achievement and African-American heritage.

Before Upperman, a prominent Wilmington physician and surgeon for more than 50 years, died in 1996, he donated approximately $440,000 to UNCW for a scholarship and creation of an African-American cultural center, which has been named in his honor.

"He wanted to give something back to the community where he had made his living and which he loved so much," said his daughter Linda Upperman Smith, former interim director of the UNCW Office of Minority Affairs and former member of the UNCW Board of Trustees.

The scholarship is used to enhance the minority presence at UNCW and is awarded annually to an incoming North Carolina freshman who demonstrates an interest in African-American heritage and who has outstanding academic achievements. It covers tuition and fees for four years.

Smith actively mentors the Upperman scholars in tribute to her father's legacy.

"She was my mother at UNCW," said Martin Jarmond '01, the first student awarded the scholarship. "She fed me when I needed a home-cooked meal, listened to me complain about school, girls, basketball ... you name it.

"Mrs. Smith was always there for me when I needed her, and she continues to maintain that bond with the award winners even after our days at UNCW are long gone."

While at UNCW, Jarmond played varsity basketball and joined the Mu Nu chapter of Kappa Alpha Psi.

"Many people do not know this, but Dr. Upperman was a member of Kappa Alpha Psi as well. If I can become half the Kappa man he was, help and serve as many people in the community as he did, then I will have lived a very rewarding life," he said.

Jarmond works for Michigan State University in development and fundraising for intercollegiate athletics. He plans to pursue a doctoral degree in higher education and become an athletic director at a Division I school.

On a personal level, Jarmond hopes to become an active public servant. "I want to give more of myself to my local community and make an easier path for those who will follow," he said. "This is the true essence of being an Upperman scholar."

Smith meets the scholars once a month for dinner. "A relationship has developed," she said, "We talk about their college life and their goals."

"Mrs. Smith encouraged me the entire time I was at UNCW," said Kelly Durden '03. She is now in her second year of law school at UNC-Chapel Hill.

Smith discussed education options with Wilmington native and sophomore scholar Brittany Pate. Pate noted that through the scholarship she has become involved in the UNCW community. "It gives me an incentive to continue to excel in the classroom and set an example," she said.

"Ms. Upperman Smith is the kind of donor every recipient wants," Raven Tucker '03 said. "She truly cares for the welfare of the scholars." With Smith's support, Tucker fast-tracked through her pre-med program in three years, graduating with a B.S. in biology and a minor in chemistry. She is now in her first year of medical school at the University of Texas, El Paso, and plans to become a resident in surgery after graduating.

"Ms. Upperman Smith was like a surrogate mom who always looked after us and encouraged us to achieve and participate in organizations on campus," Tammarra Massey '02 said. She is working on a Ph.D. in computer science at the University of California, Los Angeles.

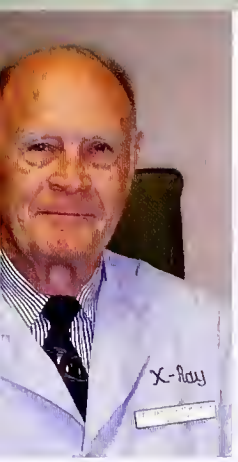
When Demetrius Sidberry graduated in May he had a position waiting for him at UBS, a financial firm on Wall Street. Davida Elleston plans to graduate in 2006 with a degree in psychology. She wants to become a clinical psychologist.

"My father would be proud of the success of the Upperman scholars and their sense of community if he were alive today," Smith said.

Ruthie Seeley '05 was an intern in the UNCW University Relations Office during the spring semester.

Upperman Scholar Demetrius Sidberry '05 offers a tribute to Linda Upperman Smith during the 2005 Stompin' at the Savoy, an annual fundraising effort to increase merit scholarships that promote the diversity of students at UNCW.

Photos by Jamie Moncrief



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School of Nursing to benefit from Corbett trust

By Andrea Weaver

Dr. J. Richard Corbett is concerned about the chronic shortage of nurses and the projected need for more nurses imminently and in the foreseeable future.

"The School of Nursing is at a crucial crossroad concerning its present capabilities and the mandated demands of the future," he said. "Hence, the School of Nursing needs its own dedicated building for classrooms, laboratories and faculty offices. In addition, funds are desperately needed to endow faculty positions to assure continued excellence in teaching."

Realizing he could do something to help, Corbett, a radiologist in Wilmington and member of the UNCW Nurse Advocate Board, established a charitable remainder trust to benefit the UNCW School of Nursing as an investment in the future of the nursing profession and in recognition of the university's significant contributions to the quality of life in Wilmington.

He also has established the Emmett and Gladys Corbett Merit Scholarships to honor his parents.

"It has been a joy getting to know the recipients of these scholarships, several of whom have pursued careers in the medical field," Corbett said. "Presently, one of these students is a sophomore at Wake Forest Medical School. Another honors student and scholarship recipient graduated in nursing this spring. The rewarding part of the scholarship program is involvement with the university and the appreciation of the students."

Corbett was born at Lake Waccamaw, but grew up in Wilmington. He attended Wake Forest College and the Bowman Gray School of Medicine. He completed his residency in radiology at the Bethesda Naval Hospital and a fellowship at the University of Chicago. He served in the U.S. Navy on active duty for nine years and in the Ready Reserve for 18 years, retiring as a captain. He served as chief of radiology at Camp Lejeune for four years prior to beginning his practice in Wilmington.

"I invite other Wilmingtonians to become involved with a genuinely great university," he said. "I encourage alumni of other institutions of higher learning to realize the rewards of supporting UNC Wilmington, too. The university does so much for the community."

Andrea Weaver is the communications and marketing manager for the Division of University Advancement.

UNCW Board of Visitors members Jinger Lyon and Mary Ann Everett enjayed the group's reception in April at Kenan House. Mary Ann served as chair of the committee that organized the event, and Jinger was a committee member.

Marla Rice-Evans, assaciate vice chancellar far university advancement, and Charles F. Green III '71 at a Chancellar's Club reception sponsared by the UNCW Board af Trustees.

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Betty Ann Sanders-Sourwine, Eldan Sourwine, Nancy Marks, Janice Kingaff '77 and Bill Kingaff attended the Provost's Club spring reception in the new Watson School of Education building.

Nursing students Jessica Brandt, left, and Leslie Kee, right, demonstrate the advantages of the PDA-based pharmacalagy reference program to Bernard Malman during the third annual UNCW Pravast's Club reception held at the School of Education.

Friend pays tribute to former chancellor

By Andrea Weaver

Ann H. Aldrich knows Chancellor Emeritus William H. Wagoner's name graces the dining hall and the front drive at UNCW but, after her friend and mentor died in 1999, she wanted to establish a tribute more permanent than a building or a road. She recently chose to endow the William H. Wagoner Fellowship through a bequest in her will.

Photo by Andrea Weaver

Chancellor Rosemary DePoolo with Annie Aldrich at on E.L. White Society reception sponsored by the UNCW Foundation Board at Wise Alumni House in December 2004. The society recognizes ond honors donors who inform UNCW of their intent to invest in the university's future through plonned or deferred gifts.

"Bill and Madeline Wagoner were very special to me," Aldrich said. "He was just so genuine. I wanted his memory to stay alive on this campus."

The fellowship is earmarked for a student seeking a master's degree in public administration, which reflects Wagoner's interest in government and its role in serving its citizens. He was the fourth president of Wilmington College and the first chancellor of UNCW. His career in education spanned more than 40 years and included service as a high school teacher and school system superintendent.

Aldrich, an administrative assistant in the Information Technology Systems Division (ITSD), joined the staff at UNCW 20 years ago. She first worked in human resources and later transferred to the newly created Department of Telecommunications. She is a current member of the Staff Council, an advocacy and advisory group for the chancellor. Aldrich formerly served eight years as the president of the University Women of UNCW, a campus organization that raised funds for female students' scholarships.

According to Robert Tyndall, vice chancellor of ITSD and associate provost, Aldrich's contributions to UNCW cannot be measured in years of service.

"In everyone's life there are those two or three truly unique individuals whose essence is poise, grace and generosity of spirit. Annie Aldrich is one of those special people. From the first time I met Annie until today she has always greeted me with her trademark smile and warmth and she always wants to know, really know, how I am doing," he said.

"She is respected and loved by the housekeepers, deans, vice chancellors, faculty and students, not to mention several chancellors, governors and U.S. senators."

During her years in telecommunications, Aldrich was recruited to work temporarily in Chancellor Wagoner's office to fill in for a colleague on sick leave. While there, she formed a lasting friendship with the Wagoners. They lived in the same neighborhood and shared similar interests. Madeline Wagoner was an organist, and Aldrich is the organist at her church.

"They became my extended family," said Aldrich, a Maine native with no close relatives living in North Carolina. After the Wagoners' deaths, their younger son Mark resided with Aldrich for a time.

"I call him my surrogate son. He was my gift from Dr. and Mrs. Wagoner," Aldrich said. "I lost them, but I gained a son. He got married last year, and I had the pleasure of giving him away. I was honored."

The Wagoner Fellowship is also a tribute to Aldrich's deep affection for UNCW, and the friendships she has with many colleagues. They were steadfast allies as Aldrich successfully battled breast cancer 10 years ago, and they are caring friends who support her ongoing efforts to raise funds for breast cancer research as a member of the UNCW Steering Committee for the New Hanover County Relay for Life.

"Above all, I love the university," she said. "It's more than a university; it's a big family that works together."

Create a lasting tribute

Annie Aldrich chose to fund an endowed fellowship in memory of her friend and mentor, the late William H. Wagoner, first chancellor of UNCW. If you are interested in establishing a similar tribute for a family member or friend, please contact Chris Clapp, director of development for planned giving, to discuss your ideas. His phone number is 910.962.3214 and his e-mail address is clappc@uncw.edu.

Dear Alumni Friends,

It was my great pleasure to welcome the May 2005 graduation class as alumni of UNCW. I am very proud to announce that with this class, UNCW now has more than 40,000 alumni.

When I started volunteering with the alumni association, the alumni of record were just over 18,000. In just the last 10 years the number has doubled. Most of you reading this letter are in that group of young alumni. The growth of our alma mater is staggering. The alumni association and the board of directors are working to better serve all of our alumni.

In the past the Young Alumni Council was organized in Wilmington. Since not all of you have been able to find that first job here, we are working with our regional chapters and clubs to sponsor a variety of programs that appeal to young alumni and our more experienced alumni. You may be asked for your opinion and ideas; we want to provide the programs and services in which you are interested.

This is my final letter to you as chair of the alumni association. It has been an exciting, challenging and energizing year. I am happy to announce that Donis Noe Smith '86, '94M is the incoming chair. Donis has worked on several board committees and has taken on many leadership roles in preparation for the position of chair. Her volunteer work began with the formation of the Cameron School of Business Chapter in 1997. She has served on the alumni association board since 1999.

The 2005-06 alumni year will be a busy one for all. The first Fall Alumni Weekend is scheduled for Oct. 7-9. This weekend promises to be the start of a great new tradition at UNCW. The Cape Fear Chapter is organizing the 12th Annual Cape Fear Alumni Golf Classic. The School of Nursing will kick off its celebration of 20 years of graduates in the Bachelor of Nursing program. Athletics will kick off its W Club activities, inviting all former letter winners back for a weekend of festivities. And there is talk of a reunion to celebrate the Class of 1995, the Class of 1980 and the Class of 1965 as part of the All Wilmington College Reunion. A variety of mini classes of interest to all will be scheduled similar to those offered at Homecoming 2005.

If you have an idea for a reunion group, give the alumni office a call and get started today planning your reunion.

It has been my great pleasure to serve all UNCW alumni during my tenure as chair. I hope to continue to see you at these and many other upcoming events.

Sincerely,

Edward J Vosnock

Ed Vosnock '71
Chair, UNCW Alumni Association

The first Fall Alumni Weekend is scheduled for Oct. 7-9

Although it is still in the planning stages, the weekend will feature a blend of alumni fun, academics and athletics.

The Cape Fear Alumni Chapter will host its 12th Annual Cape Fear Alumni Golf Classic. The School of Nursing will celebrate the 20th anniversary of its Bachelor of Nursing degree program. Athletics will kick off W Club activities by inviting all former letter winners back to campus. And there is talk of an All Wilmington College Reunion to include the Class of 1965 and the Classes of 1980 and 1995.

In addition, a series of mini classes taught by UNCW faculty will be offered in conjunction with the Division for Public Service and Continuing Studies.

Alumni Web site restyled

The UNCW Alumni Association has gone live with a "new look and feel" to its Web site.

Check out upcoming activities and events, update information and sign up to be an active member of the alumni association.

We invite you to visit www.uncw.edu/alumni/ often.

Additions will be coming soon, including a site that will allow each active alumni chapter to have its own individualized chapter page.

UNC Wilmington Alumni Association Chair Ed Vosnack '71 and incoming chair Donis Noe Smith '86, '94M at the Grand Slam Jam tailgate party held at Brooks Field.

Senior Seahawk Salute participation up 20 percent

In March more than 300 seniors joined the UNCW Alumni Association with the help of Balfour and the UNCW Bookstore.

As graduating seniors picked up their caps and gowns, Balfour provided several incentives. Those who bought a ring or deluxe announcement package received a one-year membership to the alumni association, courtesy of Balfour. The bookstore also provided incentives in addition to UNCW apparel.

Nominations sought for alumni awards

Do you know someone who has made an outstanding contribution to the University of North Carolina Wilmington and the community?

The UNCW Alumni Association is seeking nominations of such individuals for its annual Alumnus/Alumna of the Year and Distinguished Citizen awards as well as the Young Alumni of the Year award.

The Alumnus/Alumna of the Year Award is open to all men and women who attended and/or graduated from Wilmington College or UNCW. The Distinguished Citizen Award is open to anyone for notable service to the university and community. The Young Alumni Award is open to 1995-2005 graduates.

To make a nomination or for more information, please contact the Alumni Relations Office at 910.962.2682 or alumni@uncw.edu or visit www.uncw.edu/alumni/.

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Joseph "Joy" Taylor '78, left, receives the Cameron School of Business Distinguished Alumni Award from professor Roger Hill. Taylor is the owner and president of Jay Taylor Exterminating Company in Wilmington.

Alumni recognized for excellence

James "Jim" Bongiorno '94, a partner with Ernst & Young, and Joseph "Jay" Taylor III '78, president and owner of Jay Taylor Exterminating Co., are the recipients of the 2005 Cameron School of Business Distinguished Alumni Award, recognizing alumni excellence in personal career achievement, service to the community and/or service to the business school.

A certified public accountant and a leading partner in Ernst & Young's Carolinas Health Sciences practice, Bongiorno is one of a small but growing number of Cameron School alumni to earn partner status with one of the nation's "Big Four" accounting firms. His work is focused in the pharmaceutical and biotechnology industries.

Taylor, who owns and runs his own business, is active in professional and civic affairs in the Wilmington area, including serving on the board of the New Hanover Regional Medical Center Foundation. He has served as president of the N.C. Pest Control Associations and as director of the Wilmington-Cape Fear Homebuilders Association. He is also an active on the Cameron Executive Board.

"We are pleased to honor these alumni for their contributions to the business profession and to their communities," said Larry Clark, dean of the business school. "As we work with our current students to prepare them to be the leaders of tomorrow, it is also important to acknowledge our alumni, many of whom are currently in leadership positions across the spectrum of the business world."

James "Jim" Bongiorno '94, left, receives the Cameron School of Business Distinguished Alumni Award from his former professor Howard Rockness. Bongiorno is a CPA and leading partner in Ernst & Young's Carolinas Health Science practice. He was presented the award during Business Week 2005, a two-day event hosted by UNC Wilmington's Cameron School of Business.

Friends and family members share thoughts about the graduates during the 2005 Senior Sankofa held May 6 at Kenan House. The event was sponsored by the African American Graduate Association (AAGA) and the Office of Campus Diversity.

Photo by Jamie Mancnef

AAGA

The African American Graduate Association held its traditional biannual Senior Sankofa May 6 at Kenan House. Sankofa is a word in the Akan languages of West Africa that means "wisdom in learning from the past to build for the future" and symbolizes an African rite of passage. It represents unity among students of African descent and marks the passage from their lives at UNCW to their new careers. A Senior Sankofa gift is presented by AAGA to each graduating senior during commencement weekend. AAGA is planning chapter meetings for the summer and fall.

Contact: Gia Todd-Long '91 at 910.799.9046 or longg@uncw.edu

Atlanta Chapter

Chapter President Laura Medlin '93 is very optimistic about letting Georgia know about UNC Wilmington and the Seahawks. With the addition of Georgia State to the men's basketball schedule and the hanging of the men's basketball jersey, she is looking forward to CAA basketball in the fall.

In the meantime, the chapter is planning its annual visit to Turner Field. Atlanta area alumni are invited to join their fellow Seahawks when the Atlanta Braves take on the Arizona Diamondbacks at 1:15 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 13. Tickets are $22 and must be purchased in advance by contacting Charlenne Figgins at figginsc@uncw.edu.

Contact: Laura Medlin '93 at lmedlin@mfllaw.com

Charlotte Chapter

The Charlotte Chapter is making 2005 a new beginning. Meredith Spencer '99 is the new chapter leader and seeks fellow Seahawks to join the Charlotte Chapter. Meredith is very motivated to grow the Charlotte volunteer base and help promote UNCW. Ideas for a fall event include the Charlotte Bobcats and Charlotte Panthers games and social gatherings in "uptown" Charlotte.

Contact: Meredith Spencer '99 at 704.393.2425 or merespencer@yahoo.com

Cameron School of Business Chapter

The Cameron School of Business Alumni Chapter co-sponsored "Business Week" in March. This was the second year the chapter, along with the alumni association, assisted with speakers. Graduating seniors received information about the CSB Chapter and how to become an active member.

The chapter participated with the interdepartmental ceremony held as part of spring commencement. Brad Bruestle '85, chapter vice president, wished the new graduates good luck with their futures and encouraged them to be part of the CSB Alumni Chapter.

The next chapter meeting is set for 9 a.m. Saturday, July 23, at Wise Alumni House. Members will discuss and plan the CSB fall picnic.

Contact: Melissa Blackburn-Walton '87 at 910.612.3741 or mmwalton@ec.rr.com

Earth Sciences Chapter

Kristen "Doc" Dunn has become the new Cape Fear Alumni Chapter leader. Vice President Brad Worley said, "I honestly feel that Doc would be great as the head of the Cape Fear Alumni Chapter. She's done lots for the Earth Sciences Chapter."

Doc's most rewarding event with the Earth Sciences Chapter came earlier this year when she helped put together the "Life after School" symposium featuring a panel of alumni representing geotechnical and environmental firms who gave students information about getting hired, taking licensing exams and pursing a master's degree.

Contact: Mitch Hall '94 at 910.251.4742

UNC WILMINGTON ALUMNI ASSOCIATION

Left: Caroline Narelius, director of alumni relations, greets guests at the UNCW Alumni Association's Grand Slam Jam tailgate party held at Brooks Field. Above: UNC Wilmington Cape Fear Alumni Chapter president Kristen "Doc" Dunn '97 and Matt Dunn at the Grand Slam Jam.

Cape Fear Chapter

The Cape Fear Chapter sponsored the Seventh Annual Grand Slam Jam April 29 at Brooks Field. Over 100 fellow Seahawks and friends watched the UNCW baseball team beat JMU in the 11th. New chapter representative Kristen "Doc" Dunn '97 introduced herself to everyone and was very happy to see the support of the Seahawks. She is very enthusiastic about the future of the Cape Fear Chapter and encourages all to give back to their alma mater.

The chapter hosted a social at King Neptune's June 17 at Wrightsville Beach.

Contact: Kristen "Doc" Dunn '97 at 910.297.0752 or doc@ec.rr.com

Triangle Chapter

The Triangle Chapter hosted its annual Durham Bulls outing June 12. The baseball game, held at the Durham Bulls Athletic Park, attracted over 75 alumni, faculty and friends. The event included a pregame cookout where Seahawks socialized with friends and family. Chapter leader Steve Hailey '92 encouraged newcomers to be part of the Triangle Chapter. He also promoted the chapter's next social on July 12 at Carolina Ale House. Members will discuss possible fall activities such as Habitat for Humanity or a golf tournament. The chapter plans to hang a men's basketball jersey during this year's basketball season.

Contact: Steve Hailey '97 at 910.785.2540 or e-mail steven.hailey@ubs.com

Watson School of Education Chapter

Each year, the chapter presents two academic scholarships to outstanding education students who represent the traditions of academic excellence of the Watson School of Education. The 2005 recipients of $500 scholarships are Dory Stanfill and Dawn Allen.

The chapter also recognizes alumni who have made significant contributions to education for its Distinguished Alumni Award. The 2005 recipient is Steven J. Baldwin '97. Baldwin has been a sixth grade social studies teacher since 1998 and currently teaches at Brawley Middle School in Mooresville where he was named 2004 Teacher of the Year. He was recognized for his accomplishments at the WSE graduation reception on May 7.

Chapter members met May 12 in the alumni lounge at the new School of Education building. Chapter leader Marsha Obremski '02, past chapter leaders, Dean Cathy Barlow and alumni relations representatives met May 17 to discuss plans for the upcoming year.

Contact: Marsha Obremski '02 at 910.270.7006 or pettymarsha@yahoo.com

Wilmington College Chapter

Members of the Wilmington College Chapter continue to run strong. The long standing lunch held at 11:30 a.m. third Wednesday of every month at Jackson's Big Oak Barbeque continues to be a tradition of this group.

Contact: Jim Medlin '52 at 910.791.5259

Other chapters

Crew Club – Curt Browder '92 at william.browder@ace-ina.com

Greenville Chapter – Paula Bass '83 at paulabass@cox.net

MALS Chapter – Joanie D. Martin '91M at bus2bus@bizec.rr.com

New York/New Jersey – Joan Clifford '86 at cliff582@optonline.net

Richmond Chapter – Sam Mintz '02 at smintz@scottstringfellow.com

Tennessee Chapter – Amanda Cannady '97 at Amanda_cannady@hotmail.com or John Faill '80 at jfaill@comcast.net

Wanted: leaders for UNCW

Alumni interested in becoming an active leader of a local chapter are invited to contact the alumni relations office at 910.962.2682 or alumni@uncw.edu. Leadership is needed for the following chapters: Charleston, Communication Studies, Nursing, Triad, as well as the Young Alumni Council.

Steve Williams '95 and Jane St. John '93, applaud former psychology department chair Lee Jackson during the psychology master's alumni reunion held April 16. This was the first reunion and featured Joseph Kertesz, associate professor at UNC Chapel Hill, as guest speaker.

50s

An article in the Feb. 22, 2005, issue of the *Bladen Journal* featured the life and accomplishments of **Henson Barnes** '58 "from farm boy, to soldier, to statesman and now blueberry farmer."

60s

Catherine "Kitty" Brunjes '66 was appointed to a seat on the Wrightsville Beach Board of Alderman. She is a longtime Wrightsville Beach resident and a retired teacher.

After 36 years, **Paul W. Grooms** '67 retired from Baxter Healthcare Corporation in northern Illinois where he most recently was vice president of corporate and regulatory assessment. He and his wife, Brenda, now reside in Flowery Branch, Ga., where Paul operates a consulting business that offers quality and regulatory services to health care product manufacturers.

Ron Fitch '68 is assistant vice president of sales for HCA's MidAmerica Division, which includes TriStar Health System.

70s

Paul Harrington '74 retired from the CIA in December 2004.

Tom Buffington '77 retired from the U.S. Navy and lives in Vicenza, Italy, where he is administration and support director with American Forces Network South.

Robert Baggett '78 was promoted to captain with the Rocky Mount Police Department, where he has been employed for 23 years.

William C. Leeuwenburg II '78 of Morehead City is president of W. C. Leeuwenburg Inc. The company provides logistical support to the marine transportation industry. He recently returned from an assignment in Kandla, India.

Art Paschal '79 was named principal of Reynolds High School in Winston-Salem. He was 2004-05 Principal of the Year for Nash-Rocky Mount school system.

80s

Lynn C. '80 and **Debbie Swinson Goodwin** '99 welcomed a new grandson, Jacob Goodwin, on Oct. 7, 2004. His mother, Jennifer Goodwin, was accepted to UNCW for fall 2005 and hopes to study in the School of Nursing, following in her mother's footsteps. Debbie is a public health/school nurse with the New Hanover County Health Department, and Lynn is a maintenance mechanic with Corning Glass. They reside in Castle Hayne.

Tom Swatzel '80 is president of South Carolinians for Responsible Government and led a rally in February 2005 in Columbia, S.C., to support a tuition tax credit for private, home schooling and alternative public school costs.

James R. McKnight '82 of Glade Valley would like to get in touch with UNCW Club football team members from 1979 to 1981. He is a financial investor with Investors Security Co. in Sparta.

Yvette Y. Young '82 and **David K. Leonard** '84 have been married for 22 years, have two children, reside in Kansas City, Mo., and own and operate Heritage Chiropractic and Wellness Center. Yvette earned her M.B.A. from the University of Missouri at Kansas City in 2004. David has a doctorate in chiropractic medicine.

Stan C. Andrews '83, '91M is an instructor of anatomy and physiology at Wilkes Community College. He also teaches for the Wilkes school system and does consulting work in the pharmaceutical research industry.

Lt. Col. Darrell Thacker '83 was promoted to colonel while attending the U.S. Army War College in Carlisle, Pa. His orders took him to Cherry Point in June.

Robert Mazur '83 is general services manager for Bladen County and is responsible for directing the operations and administration of solid waste management, operations, fleet management and purchasing.

Darlene Gresham Waddell '85, '96M is the executive director of the N.C. Global Transpark Authority in Kinston. She is a member of the Women's Forum of North Carolina Inc.

Cmdr. John E. Pasch III '86 was selected as officer in charge of the Aircraft Intermediate Maintenance Detachment for the Naval Air Station in Willow Grove, Pa. He was also awarded the Global War on Terrorism Service Medal and the 2nd Meritorious Service Medal for accomplishments during his tour at the Pentagon. He resides in Doylestown, Pa.

Jennifer Robinson Mangrum '87 of Greensboro earned a doctor of philosophy degree in curriculum and teaching from UNC Greensboro in December 2004.

Samuel R. Altman '88 is the president of Topsail Island Homes Inc. and the Altman Corporation. He is a local land use and investment consultant for real estate and general contractor for custom-built beach homes.

Tammy Orr '88 was promoted to quality manager with the General Electric Company in Wilmington. She is responsible for all aspects of the nuclear quality programs.

Karen J. Bullard '89 graduated from Winthrop University in December 2004 with a Master of Education degree.

Michele A. Justice '89 is senior information specialist and Web informationist for CODA Research Inc., a public health contract research company in Durham.

Susan Holth-Nguyen '89 was promoted to supervisor of plant access authorization at Progress Energy's Brunswick Nuclear Plant in Southport.

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Dr. Thomas J. Beckett '90 has opened an internal medicine practice in Porters Neck.

Todd K. Hinson '90 is a research scientist with Athenix Corp, an agricultural biotechnology company in Durham.

Lisa Pike '91M was given the Award of Excellence in Teaching at Francis Marion University. Lisa is an assistant professor of biology. She was cited for her classroom teaching skills and her personal interest in students.

Jennifer Ploszaj '91 is the global director of public relations for InterContinental hotels Group in London.

Shannon Miller '92 is vice president of business development with Jobson Education Group in New York.

Michael Smith '92 is president and founder of ConSova Corporation, based in Overland Park, Kan. The company provides health care cost containment solutions to managed care organizations and Fortune 500 companies. The company has 12 employees and offices in Los Angeles and Denver.

Phillip W. Young '92 of Randleman is the chief financial officer of Crumley and Associates, a regional law firm with 10 offices.

Andrew S. Harrower '93 received a Master of Business Administration degree from Winthrop University in December 2004.

After serving as campaign manager for Judge Wanda Bryant in her race for the N.C. Court of Appeals, **Devon White** '93, '95M of Raleigh joined Olive and Olive, P.A., an intellectual property law firm in Durham. Devon specializes in trademark and copyright law.

Becky J. Mussat-Whitlow '94 of Winston-Salem earned a Ph.D. in educational research from UNC Greensboro in December 2004.

Timothy E. Proseus '94 graduated from the University of Delaware in January with a Ph.D. in marine biology and biochemistry. He works at the University of Delaware as a researcher and lecturer. **Elizabeth A. Joyner** '94 is pursuing a Master of Science degree in biology at Delaware State University. She works for Akzo Nobel. The couple resides in Millsboro, Del.

Photo contributed

Angie Hill '96, far left, is pictured with a team of boys from Northern Ireland who play basketball as part of the Playing for Peace program.

Hill uses basketball skills to help end strife abroad

What if basketball, a sport that is played at all ages across gyms nationwide, a sport that is ingrained in us at an early age, could be used as a social outreach to children in strife-ridden countries?

That is the message Angie Hill '96 is delivering to kids through Playing for Peace (PfP), a non-profit organization based in Washington, D.C.

Since 2000, PfP has taught the game of basketball to children in communities historically separated by strife. The organization operates in South Africa (racial/economic strife) and Northern Ireland (religious strife) and has three missions in these troubled areas: to bridge divides, develop leaders and change perceptions.

The program works with approximately 10,000 South African and 7,500 Northern Ireland children, ages 8-14, each year.

Basketball, a relatively unknown sport in these areas, is a perfect tool to bring together kids who otherwise would not associate with someone outside their familiar realm.

Along with learning basketball, a life skills program is implemented, which educates children about drug and alcohol awareness, HIV/AIDS awareness, importance of health and nutrition and racism/sexism/diversity.

Hill has been living and working in Northern Ireland since September 2004. During this time she, along with five other Americans, have been challenged to carry out the missions of PfP.

Their successes include setting a record player attendance (230) at the annual Jingle Ball Classic, establishing teams in the local secondary schools and improving the Catholic/Protestant ratios across their club sites.

PfP is looking to expand the program into areas such as Cyprus and Israel.

More information about PfP can be obtained at the organization's Web site, www.playingforpeace.org or by writing Hill at ahill@playingforpeace.org.

Ruby Brown-Herring '93 is assistant director and career advisor for pre-health students at the Duke University Career Center. She resides in Autryville with her husband and twin daughters.

Brennan Fish Liming '98 was named the Gatorade Athlete of the Month in a recent issue of *Triathlete Magazine*. Brennan is an associate auditor with McGladrey & Pullen. She lives with her husband, **Douglas '95**, in Apex.

Sunshine O'Neal Qualls '93 earned a Master of Science degree in educational administration from California State Fullerton in January 2005. She plans to move to Costa Rica in the fall to teach and start an art business.

Geoffrey S. Worthington '93 is an attorney in the law offices of William H. Robinson Jr. in Stroudsburg, Pa.

Steven Elliott '96 is a professor at the School of Public Health at Georgia Southern University. He received his Ph.D. in Education from the University of Virginia. His wife, **Elizabeth Longphre Elliott '96, '98M**, is the biology department lab coordinator at Georgia Southern. They reside in Statesboro, Ga.

Chris Gargala '96 was promoted to vice president at Wachovia Bank in Charlotte and was named the retail banking consultant for the Carolinas region.

A business education teacher at Hunters Creek Middle School in Onslow County, **Gretchen Jones Marshburn '96** is pursuing a Master of Education degree in instructional technology at UNCW. She earned certification from the National Board for Professional Teaching Standards.

Richard B. Verrone '96M published the book, *Voices from Vietnam: Eye-witness Accounts of the War, 1954-1975*, with Laura Calkins. The book tells the story of the Vietnam War through the voices of men and women who served in Southeast Asia and those who experienced and participated in the domestic upheaval in the United States. Richard directs the Oral History Project at the Vietnam Archive at Texas Tech University.

Brian H. Jackson '97 earned his Ph.D. in kinesiology from the University of Virginia in August 2004. He is a professor of exercise science at Pacific University in Forest Grove, Ore. **Linda Wall Jackson '98** is an instructional assistant in the Forest Grove School District.

Keni Koreba '97 is the owner of The Board Shop, a ski and surf shop with wakeboards, skateboards and snowboards in Lake Geneva, Wis.

Michael S. Wilson '97 is a residential loan specialist with Union Planters' Bellevue branch office in Nashville, Tenn. He is active in the Bellevue Chamber of Commerce and the Nashville Mortgage Banker's Association and is an affiliate member of the Greater Nashville Association of Realtors.

Sharon Irving Byrdsong '98M was nominated as the Virginia Association of Secondary School Principals' Principal of the Year for 2004-2005. She is the principal of Azalea Gardens Middle School and resides in Chesapeake, Va.

Margaret Milsted Melton '98 graduated from the George Washington University with a Master of Public Health degree. She is enrolled in the physician assistant program at East Carolina University.

Maria K. Zullo '98 of Wayne, Pa., is an assistant professor of English at Valley Forge Military College. She is pursuing a Ph.D. in English at Temple University and is in the process of authoring a textbook.

Harden M. Barker III '99 earned a master's degree in elementary education from UNCW in May.

Gregory Plow '99 is a Franciscan friar who lives in Washington, D.C., where he is studying for the Catholic priesthood.

Danielle M. Santella '99 earned a Master of Education degree from Winthrop University in December 2004.

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Peter Allder '00 is an information systems analyst for DuPont in Wilmington, Del. He said he still considers Wilmington, N.C. home and loves seeing the continuing changes to an "already beautiful UNCW campus" when he is visiting friends and family in the area.

Mindy J. Chryst '00 received a Master of Business Administration degree from Winthrop University in December 2004.

Kimberly Lampley Griffin '00 earned a master's degree in social work from UNC Chapel Hill and is a prevention social worker with the Orange County Department of Social Services. She and **Eric Griffin '00**, an emergency management specialist with Orange County Emergency Management, reside in Alamance County.

In her position as field personnel with the Cooperative Baptist Fellowship, **Penny Mann '00** is spending three years in Hungary teaching English at a high school for Romany Gypsies.

Jana Siskind '00 graduated from Johns Hopkins University with a M.S. degree in biotechnology in May 2004. She is a bioprocess associate with Human Genome Sciences Inc. in Rockville, Md.

Ashley Fagundus '01 is an account executive with Talk PR Inc. in Wilmington.

Tasha Auton '01 graduated from North Carolina Central School of Law in May 2005 and was offered a position as an associate with the law firm of Starnes and Killian, PLLC in Hickory. She plans to take the N.C. Bar exam in July.

Erin Magee '01 of Newport News, Va., is the computer aided design intern with Northrop Grumman.

Tony McEwen '01 was elected statewide president of the Young Democrats of North Carolina. He is district liaison for Congressman Mel Watt. **Jordan Drogos McEwen '01** is a teacher with Iredell-Statesville schools. They reside in Mooresville.

Christopher M. Walch '03 is studying computer animation at Full Sail Real World Education in Winter Park, Fla. He and his wife, **Jennifer E. Hawks-Walch '01**, and daughter, Madison, reside in Winter Park.

Photos contributed

Amanda Wynn '01M and classmate Klent Harkness were inducted into the Upsilon Pi Epsilan chapter at Nova Southeastern University.

Amanda J. Wynn '01M of Poquoson, Va., was inducted into the Upsilon Pi Epsilon chapter at Nova Southeastern University in Fort Lauderdale, Fla. She serves as secretary of the UNCW Cameron School of Business Alumni Chapter and is manager of advancement services at Regent University.

Troy Coughlin '02 is an application engineer for Data Innovations Inc. in South Burlington, Vt. He resides in Plattsburg, N.Y.

Cal Hayden '02M is a technical superintendent responsible for ship operations with Patriot Contract Services, a management company that operates cargo ships for the U.S. Navy's Military Sealift Command.

Carrie "C.J." Jenkins '02 of Wrightsville Beach opened Bradley Creek Consultants Inc., an executive search firm that serves clients in the marine, automotive, pharmaceutical and food industries.

J. Jeff Lee '02 joined Lee Financial Associates, LLC in Ellicott City, Md. His wife, **Allie Lee '02**, is an account executive for Patuxent Publishing in Towson, Md. The couple resides in Owings Mills, Md., with their chocolate lab, Chipper.

Jason Moore '02 is the bass player for Willie and Me. Willie and Me earned a Whammy in 2004 and was named *Beat Magazine* Band of the Month. **Chris Payne '04** is the drummer for the band. The band was featured in the *Delta Democrat Times* of Greenville, Ms. More information on the band can be found at www.willieandme.com.

Daniel J. Turner '02 is a Realtor with Intracoastal Realty Corporation in Carolina Beach.

Heidi D. Wilkerson '02 graduated in May with an associate's degree in nursing from Cape Fear Community College and hopes to enroll in UNCW's BSN program.

Christopher "Zak" Bolick '03 is an investment representative with Edward Jones Investments in Lewisville.

Jennifer Sutton Forrest '03 is an accounting assistant for ISP Sports, a sports marketing company based in Winston-Salem. She works with several other UNCW graduates including **Jan Clark '04**, marketing services assistant; **Jenni Jones Pleasant '00**, marketing services director, and **Sarah Brophy '04**, office assistant.

Martyn Knowles '03 is in his third year of study at Wake Forest University School of Medicine.

Jennifer Malcolm '03 is an executive assistant with the Charlotte Bobcats NBA franchise.

Jason Rollins '03 is a public relations specialist with Children's Healthcare of Atlanta.

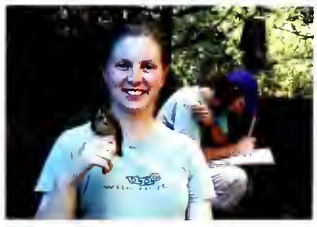
Michael Simone '03 received a three-year graduate fellowship from the National Science Foundation. He is a Ph.D. student in the Department of Ecology, Evolution and Behavior at the University of Minnesota.

Tameka Alston '04 is marketing director for East Coast Credit Union in Wilmington. She is also the regional director/social director for the Southeastern Chapter of the Credit Union League.

Tonya Conrad '04 is pursuing a master's degree in English at Middlebury College's Bread Loaf School of English.

M. Rhonda Cranfill '04 is pursuing a Master of Science degree in geology at the University of Georgia.

Cherie Lea '04 is a professional basketball player with Cape Holland Den Helder Women's Basketball Team in Holland.



Meadows

Melissa Meadows '04 is studying Panamanian rainforest birds with the University of Illinois at the Smithsonian Tropical Research Institute in Panama. She plans to pursue a Ph.D. this fall at Arizona State University.

Petty Officer **Carol M. Smith '04** is a marine science technician with U.S. Coast Guard's Marine Safety Office in Wilmington. She received a letter of commendation for coordinating and writing a script honoring 25 New Hanover County veterans during Wilmington's first military appreciation event held in conjunction with Riverfest.

Mary Barefoot '05 is operations and sales support coordinator with AgCareers.com, a supplier of human resource services for the agricultural, food, natural resources and biotechnology industries based in Clinton.

Weddings

Mary M. Keenan '90 and **Leslie B. Ives '98** on Oct. 17, 2004. Mary is affiliated with CTX Mortgage, and Leslie is the general manager of Elijah's Restaurant. They reside in Wilmington.

Yolanda Riggsbee '92 and Terence Hamer on Nov. 13, 2004. The couple resides in Durham. Yolanda is program manager with the N.C. Institute of Public Health.

Amanda "Mandy" Bossi '93 and Dennis M. Connor III on April 10, 2004. Mandy is a legal assistant with Kent D. Schenkel, PLLC. The couple resides in Wilmington.

Kimberly Lucas '95 and Ben Nunnally on Oct. 23, 2004. Kimberly earned her M.B.A. from Wake Forest University in August 2004. She is a senior health care representative for Pfizer. The couple resides in Kernersville.

Mary L. Moore '95 and **Michael W. Short '01** on May 22, 2004. They reside in Wilmington.

Lynn Stemmy '95M and Wayne Davis on March 5, 2005. Lynn is the director of land development for Bob Ward Companies. The couple resides in Edgewood, Md.

G. Akers Moore '96 and **Blair Barker '01M** on May 28, 2005. Akers graduated from the Southern Methodist University M.B.A. program in May. The couple resides in Dallas.

Ashley Piechota '97 and Heath Altman on Oct. 16, 2004. Ashley sells medical equipment for RS Medical. The couple resides in Wilmington.

Kelly Anderson '98 and Brian Scofield on Oct. 9, 2004. Kelly is a corporate trainer with Fidelity Investments. The couple resides in Raleigh.

Charles W. Broadfoot '98 and Mandy Patterson on June 25, 2004. Charlie is a middle school teacher for the Anne Arundel School District in Annapolis.

Mindy Freedlander '98 and David Zajchowski on Feb. 26, 2005. Mindy is a senior human resources representative for Universal Orlando and earned a master's degree in human resources from Rollins College. The couple resides in Orlando.

Paula E. Kesler '98 and James D. Lewis on April 9, 2005. Paula is a sales representative with Boehringer-Ingleheim Pharmaceuticals. The couple resides in Wilmington.

Stephanie J. Lancaster '98 and Matthew R. Register on April 16, 2005. Stephanie is employed with Rucker John's Restaurant. The couple resides in Wilmington.

Jennifer K. Engel '99 and Bradley M. Cones on June 12, 2004. Jennifer is a forensic scientist with the DuPage County Sheriff's Office Crime Laboratory. The couple resides in Bartlett, Ill.

April Craven '00 and Daniel Rich on Oct. 23, 2004. April is an account executive with The Berry Company in High Point.

Joy P. Glenn '00 and Jeffrey Switalski on Dec. 4, 2004. Joy is an athletic trainer with NASCAR's traveling fitness and rehab center.

Jennifer Jones '00 and **K. Anthony Pleasant '00** on Dec. 18, 2004. Anthony is in the physician assistant program at the Wake Forest University School of Medicine. Jenni was promoted to director of marketing services with ISP Sports. The couple resides in Winston-Salem.

Holly E. Maness '00 and Matthew S. Griffin on March 19, 2005. Holly works for Prudential Carolina Real Estate. The couple resides in Wilmington.

Erin McClure '00 and Derek Wilson on Oct. 2, 2004. Erin is president of Event Planning Solutions. The couple resides in Gaithersburg, Md.

Kate B. Boyce '01 and Jeffrey B. Tayloe on March 5, 2005. The couple resides in Wilmington. Kate is employed by New Hanover County Schools.

Tracy L. Bryant '01 and Dr. Tracy P. Ray on Jan. 22, 2005. Tracy is the owner and director of Coastal Performing Arts Center in Loris. The couple resides in Cherry Grove Beach.

Thiane Carter '01 and Antwoine Edwards on Feb. 26, 2005. The couple resides in Charlotte. Thiane is a management analyst with the Town of Huntersville.

Laura M. Mills '01 and Jon Cunningham on June 12, 2004. Laura is a marketing administrative specialist and works in client development for Ward and Smith, P.A. The couple resides in Havelock.

Jennifer L. Clifton '02 and Kip Champion on Oct. 22, 2004 Jennifer is a marketing information systems analyst for First Citizens Bank. The couple resides in Louisburg.

Beth Cummins '02M and **Christopher W. Holbrook '02** on Sept. 25, 2004 Beth is a laboratory technician for Wake Forest University Medical Center. Christopher is a sales representative for Marsh Furniture. They reside in Winston-Salem

Rebecca B. Howerin '03 and **Jason P. Robison '03** on Dec. 18, 2004. Rebecca is a third grade teacher with Charlotte Mecklenburg Schools. Jason is the band director for grades 6-8 for Charlotte Mecklenburg Schools.

Kristine Kamer '04 and **Andrew Rose '03** on March 5, 2005. Andrew is a computer operator and teacher's assistant in the UNCW Department of Mathematics. The couple resides in Wilmington.

Summer Talbert '04 and Steffie Safnt on July 17, 2004. Summer teaches third and fourth grades for Harnett County Schools. The couple resides in Pinehurst.

Births

To **Van Holcomb '83** and his wife Tammy, a son, Brady E., on Jan. 18, 2005 Van is an account manager with RBC Centura in Whiteville.

To **Denise Medlin '85, '91M** and her husband Dr. Gregory Carter of Raleigh, a son, Ethan Thomas, on Sept. 29, 2004

To **Andrea Arenovski Shephard '88** and her husband Steve, a son, Carson Beckett, on March 29, 2005 Andrea is self-employed as an independent contractor to Washington University in St. Louis, serving as the project coordinator for the National Decentralized Water Resources Capacity Development Project The family resides in Newark, Calif.

To **Laurel S. Clanton Bordeaux '91** and her husband Rudy, a son, Tylon, on Dec. 5, 2004. Laurel is a math and science teacher with Columbus County Schools They reside in Leland

To **Michael G. '92** and **Mary Jane Kennedy Sauls '91**, a daughter, Kassidy Elizabeth, on Oct. 22, 2004. Michael is a purchasing manager for Schneider Electric. They reside in Clayton.

To Maj. **Darren S. Boyd '93** and his wife Pamela E. Griswold, a daughter, Samantha Elisabeth, on March 29, 2005 They reside in New Orleans, La.

To **Malinda C. Farmer Hall '93** and her husband Jason, a daughter, Peyton, on June 9, 2004 Malinda is a teacher with New Hanover County Schools.

To **Anthony Klein '93** and his wife Toni, a son, Nicholas, on Dec. 20, 2004. Tony is a mill applications analyst for International Paper. They reside in Wilmington.

To **Christa Mongero Townley '93** and her husband Scott, a son, Sean Douglas, on Nov. 13, 2004. Christa is a classified member services director for N.C. Press Services. They reside in Cary.

To **Timothy K. Otto '93** and his wife Catherine, a son, William Etheridge, on Jan. 19, 2005. Tim is a financial advisor and certified financial planner for Morgan Stanley in Raleigh.

To **Linwood "Woody" '94** and **Laura Reep King '94** a son, Dylan Foster, on Jan 3, 2005. Laura works in sales for Xanodyne Pharmaceuticals. Woody is a federal prescentence investigator with the U.S. Probation Office.

To **Usha Dewasthali '95** and her husband Jon D. Reilly Jr., a daughter, Leela Elizabeth, on Oct. 29, 2004.

To **Heather McKinnon Lane '95** and her husband Richard, a son, Richard K. Jr , on July 1, 1004. Heather is a mortgage loan officer with the Landfall branch of Cooperative Bank. The couple resides in Wilmington

To **Marcus E. Newnam '95** and his wife Lori, a daughter, Laney Allison, on Feb. 18, 2005 Marcus is a software engineer with Cisco Systems in Research Triangle Park.

To **Amanda Chafin '96** and **Frederick "Chip" Hackler '84**, a daughter, Catharine Palmer, on Jan 28, 2005. Chip is an assistant professor in the UNCW Department of Film Studies. Mandy is director of the Children's Learning Center of Wilmington.

To **William "Trip" '98** and **Holly Hunt Kolkmeyer '96**, a son, William "Liam" John IV, on Aug 19, 2004. Holly is a stay-at-home mom Trip is an area coordinator for A.I.S. Inc. They reside in South Kingstown, R.I.

To **Kelley Brown Levens '97** and her husband Edward, a son, Cooper William, on Oct. 25, 2004 Kelley is a business development specialist with SAS in Cary.

To **Rebecca Upland Crouch '97** and her husband Davis, a daughter, Katie, on June 21, 2004 Rebecca is an associate project manager with IBM. They reside in Wilmington

To **Dana M. Walker '97** and her husband Jarrod, a son, Joseph Craig, on Jan. 20, 2005. A special education teacher at Pearsontown Elementary School in Durham, Dana earned certification from the National Board for Professional Teaching Standards.

To **Ryan T. '00** and **Doreen Giordano Merritt '98**, a daughter, Thea Kathryn Grace, on Sept 16, 2004. Doreen is an event specialist for Palm Beach County Parks. Ryan is a senior environmental analyst for Palm Beach County. They reside in Palm Beach Gardens, Fla

To **April Barefoot Tisher '99** and her husband, Christopher, a son, Andrew Eston, on June 17, 2004. They reside in Gainesville, Fla

To **April Bunn-Gerrell '99** and her husband George, a daughter, Summer Grace, on July 15, 2004. April is a criminal case manager for the U.S. District Court in Wilson.

To **Marcus E. '99** and **Aimee V. Fields King '99**, a son, Andrew Miles, on Dec. 21, 2004. Marcus is a microcomputer specialist for Coastal Area Health Education Center Aimee is a stay-at-home mom. They reside in Wilmington

To **Rebecca Ann Stachler Walker '99** and her husband Bradley, a daughter, Molly Marguerite, on July 26, 2004

To **Lee '04** and **Catherine Hinton Casteen '00**, a son, Noah Wright, on Dec 22, 2004. Preston is a staff accountant with Earney & Co. in Wrightsville Beach.

To **Elizabeth Carter Kahn '01** and her husband Russell, a son, Russell Owen, on Sept. 14, 2004 They reside in Cary.

To **Kristen Waller Agner '03** and her husband Nathan, a son, William Nathan, on Aug. 5, 2004. They reside at Ocean Isle Beach.

To **Kimberly Johnson Lynds '04** and her husband Michael, a daughter, Samantha Jean, on Dec. 8, 2004 They reside in Wilmington.

Deaths

Grace Gurganious Hobbs '47 of Wilmington on April 8, 2005. She worked for Boney architects for 30 years and was a member of the Cape Fear Garden Club, the Thursday Morning Music Club and New Hanover Regional Medical Center Ladies Auxiliary and was the first president of the local chapter of the North Carolina Symphony. She is survived by **Roy Hobbs '47**

Ronald E. White '60 of Wilmington on March 12, 2005. He served two tours of duty in Vietnam and Thailand with the U.S. Air Force and retired after 21 years. He worked for the U.S Postal Service for over 18 years, retiring in 2003.

David A. Hursey Sr. '67 of Wrightsville Beach on Feb. 27, 2005. He was a member of the Shriners and the St. John's Masonic Lodge No. 1

Craig Martin '73 of Wilmington on April 23, 2005. He worked for the New Hanover School system as a teacher and counselor for over 20 years. He designed a human relations program for students and teachers to celebrate diversity and published two books for educators on group counseling strategies.

Philip N. Keller '74 of Raleigh on Feb. 20, 2005. He worked for the Division of Marine Fisheries for almost 20 years. He was an active member of the TKE fraternity.

Clyde "Trey" Cheek III '94 of Raleigh on Feb. 21, 2005. He was an attorney with the North Carolina Supreme Court under Justice George Wainwright and author of *The Limits of Town*.

Friends

Photo contributed

Edwin M. Crawford died Feb. 2, 2005. He was a co-founder and the first chairman of the board of the Council for Advancement and Support of Education His career in higher education spanned more than 40 years; he served as the chief public affairs officer at Auburn University, the University of Virginia, Ohio State University and the University of California system. He retired to Wilmington in 1997 and joined the UNCW Board of Visitors in 1998, actively serving until 2003.

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Photo by The Daily News

Jeane McMillon Swain '94 was honored in February by the Northeast Community Development Corporation as one of Onslow County's six intriguing African-American women of the year.

Nontraditional student looks back on UNCW

By Linda MacRae '95, '01M

Jeane Swain, the first black female magistrate of the 4th Judicial District which includes Onslow, Jones, Duplin and Sampson counties, has been a magistrate for 11 years.

Shortly after graduating with a B.A. in political science, someone called Swain to find out if she would be interested in the magistrate's position.

She interviewed for it, and after the interview went home and prayed to the Lord to bless and keep her. She felt if the position was for her then she would have it. If it wasn't, then she knew that the Lord had something else in store for her. Several weeks later she was offered the position and started work Sept. 1, 1994.

She has been there ever since.

Swain was a nontraditional, full-time student at UNCW and a full-time mom.

Her husband expected her to continue maintaining her obligations at home which included raising their two sons. She did just that while studying late into the night and staying focused.

Life was tough.

She intended to one day attend law school, but family matters took precedence.

When asked how she managed the stress of those years, she said, "Much prayer, much prayer. I wore my girlfriends' ears off. I am sure they said 'enough.' I had some friends who were attending UNCW who were nontrads, too, and we pretty much helped each other out."

When asked about her college experience, she said, "I love UNCW, my experience was great, and the people were great to me.

"Ruth Lawrence and Earl Sheridan were very encouraging. I worked in the political science department with them. Pat Lerch is my heart. She is a wonderful person and an advocate for women. She was encouraging as well. Ralena Wicker was another one. She worked in financial aid."

Swain said, "I try to encourage as many students as I can to go to UNCW, especially if they have a family and can't go to a university where they can live on campus.

When asked what advice she would give to other mothers who are nontraditional students, she said, "When you get on campus, try to acquaint yourself with the programs offered at UNCW. Know what is what and where it is and who can offer you assistance. Don't be intimidated by anyone or anything, and that includes professors.

"Get yourself a good support base whether it be your church, your family or other people at UNCW going through the same things you are going through. When you see people about campus who are in the same situation you are in, strike up a conversation.

"You have to get out there, don't expect anything to fall in your lap, you will have to work for it. I want to impress upon them that they can do it.

"When you finally get that piece of paper that no one can take from you, you will have the proudest moment. The feeling is just a wonderful feeling, knowing that you have actually finished something and that you have something to show that you have accomplished your goals."

Swain believes that she is a blessed woman.

Linda MacRae '95, '01M is associate director of admissions at UNCW.

Thomas a 'significant collector'

At 39, Allen Thomas Jr. '88 has become something he never expected: the most significant collector of contemporary photography known in the state, according to N.C. Museum of Art officials.

"I just buy things I think are beautiful," Thomas said. "I never thought anyone would want to do anything with it."

From April 3 through July 17, the museum featured a show of 54 photographs from his collection, with works from Andres Serrano and Sally Mann and new stars like Loretta Lux and Anthony Goicolea.

"These are major photographs by major artists that you would see in any major exhibition of contemporary photographs," said Larry Wheeler, N.C. Museum of Art director. "To have a collector of his stature in North Carolina is a great asset to the museum and to all of us."

By trade, Thomas manages the law office of Thomas and Farris, founded in Wilson by his father, Allen Thomas Sr. He began work there the summer after graduating from UNCW with a degree in political science. His father had hoped he would pursue law, but Thomas had no interest.

He tried creating art himself. At Appalachian State and UNCW, he took every art class he could.

"I wasn't any good," he said. "But I found I was really good at looking at what other people were working on and telling what was going to be good."

Passion for the art is only part of his desire to collect. He also wants to encourage artists. On occasional trips to New York, Thomas likes to meet the artists whose work he owns.

"It's kind of like saying, 'I think you're good, and I hope you keep going,'" Thomas said. Without patrons, he said, many give up.

This story has excerpts taken from a feature written by Ellen Sung for the *News and Observer*, published on April 3, 2005.

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21	Wilmington College Lunch 11:30 a.m. Jackson's Big Oak Barbecue
23	Cameron School of Business Alumni Chapter Meeting 9 a.m. Wise Alumni House
24	Joffrey Ensemble with the Wilmington School of Ballet 3 p.m. Kenan Auditorium
27	Carolina Piano Trio Kenan Auditorium

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17	First Day of Classes

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22	Ken Burns Lecture 8 p.m. Kenan Auditorium

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6	North Carolina Symphony 8 p.m. Kenan Auditorium
7-9	Fall Alumni Weekend
10	Zurich Chamber Orchestra 8 p.m. Kenan Auditorium
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17	Wilmington College Lunch
19	Dinner and Theater "In the Womb"
21	UNCW Wind Symphony 8 p.m. Kenan Auditorium
24-27	Thanksgiving Break
28	Doc Watson 8 p.m. Kenan Auditorium

Chancellor Rosemary DePaolo greets graduates during the 69th commencement exercises for the College of Arts and Sciences.

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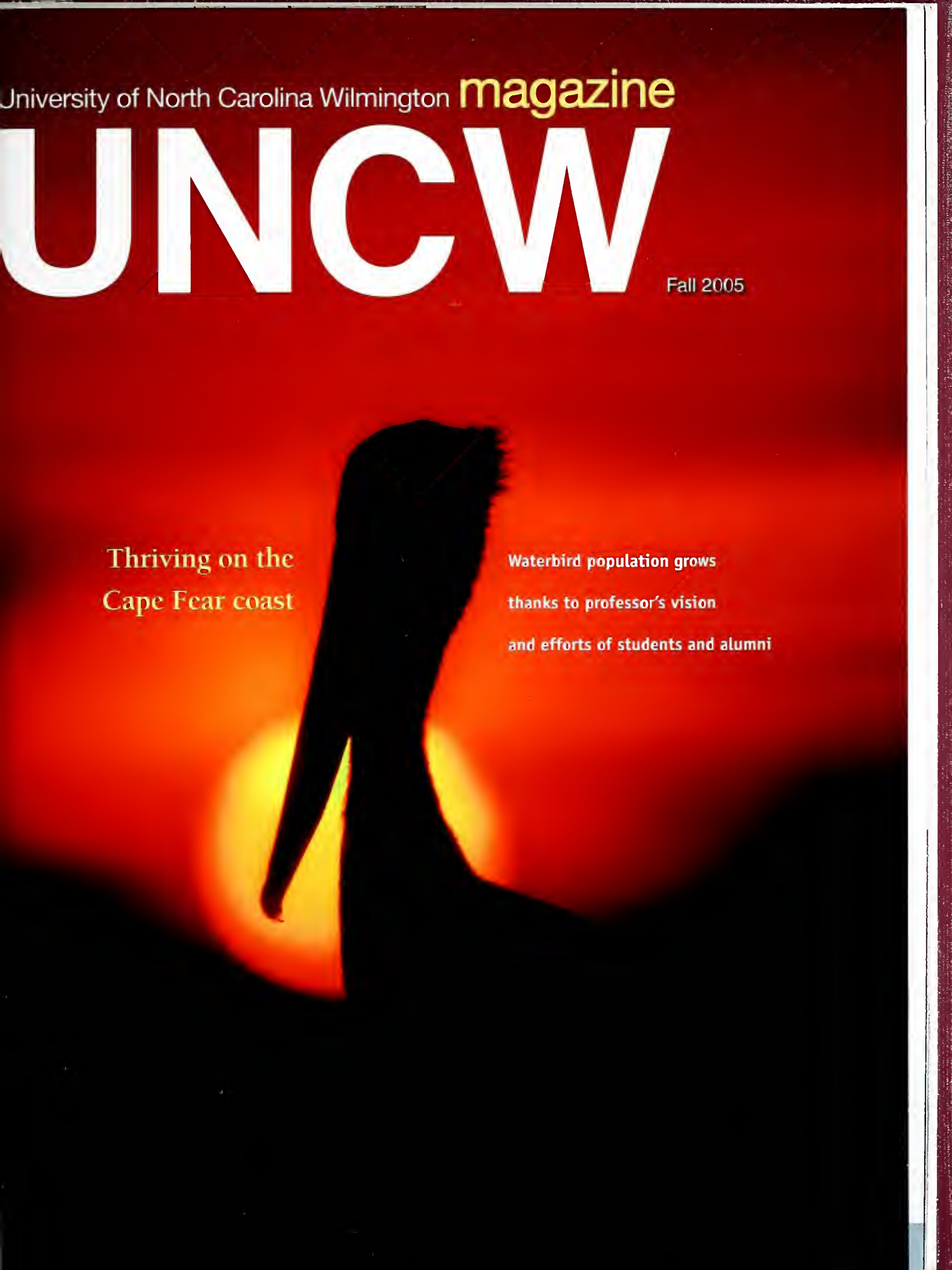

Thriving on the Cape Fear coast

Waterbird population grows thanks to professor's vision and efforts of students and alumni

Dear

Alumni and Friends,

When the fall semester began in August at UNCW, another exceptional group of freshmen arrived onto our campus. This extremely talented group of 1,950 students excelled in high school, and their talents will enrich the educational experience for all our students. The incoming students' average high school GPA is 3.6 and their average SAT score is 1134, seven points higher than last year's class. We are extremely excited to welcome this class to UNCW.

The high level of the students who seek out our university reflects a campus-wide commitment to quality education. *U.S.News & World Report* magazine recognized this by naming UNCW one of the top 10 public universities in the South for the eighth year in a row.

The coming year will bring many changes to our campus. As the university grows, we are putting the final touches on our strategic plan for the future. A campus master plan will guide us in determining the best path to grow and develop our university. New construction in the next year will change the physical shape of our campus. A new cultural arts building, a new and expanded University Union, and apartments for upperclassmen will provide new resources, conveniences, and opportunities for students

Thanks to the efforts of the UNC Board of Governors and the North Carolina Legislature, UNCW has received $7.013 million to offset the university's chronic underfunding. This money will provide 70 new faculty positions and other funding needed to maintain our academic excellence. Addressing this funding imbalance has taken a decade of determination and cooperation from many individuals. We would not have achieved this victory without the help of many alumni and friends.

Last year, friends of the university like you gave nearly $5.5 million to UNCW, the largest amount of private donations we have ever received in a fiscal year. Alumni participation has increased to 12.24 percent, a considerable jump from last year's 10.1 percent. In the coming year, we are preparing for a comprehensive fundraising campaign to support scholarships, teaching and research, the endowment and other worthy endeavors that I believe you will be proud to support.

I am truly grateful for all the support you have given the university and welcome any comments on ways we can continue to make UNCW truly great. Please feel free to e-mail me at chancellor@uncw.edu or return to campus for a visit and stop by my office in Alderman Hall. I hope you enjoy the magazine.

All the best,

Rosemary DePaolo
Chancellor

Front cover: *Sunset on the Cape Fear River provides a tranquil setting for a brown pelican. Since the 1980s, the pelican population has jumped from fewer than 100 breeding pairs to more than 1,000 pairs today. – Photo by Walker Golder '85, '90M*

Inside cover: *Chancellor Rosemary DePaolo was interviewed by UNC President Emeritus William Friday on North Carolina People which aired statewide in July on UNC-TV. She discussed the quality of the educational experience provided by UNCW, the close faculty-student interaction with emphasis on undergraduate research, how the university serves the community and region and UNCW's commitment to student athletes who achieve in the classroom as well as in athletics.*

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Legislature addresses UNCW's underfunding

Addressing years of historical underfunding, the N.C. General Assembly acted on the recommendation of the UNC Board of Governors to bring UNCW per-student funding closer to the state average. The state budget included $7.013 million in continuing dollars.

"This is huge for UNCW," said Chancellor Rosemary DePaolo. "The legislature recognized that we receive fewer dollars per student than any other school. We are extremely grateful to the board of governors, the legislature and Gov. Mike Easley."

Most of the new money will be used to hire more faculty to reduce class size and offer more sections of required classes.

DePaolo expressed thanks to many who were instrumental in the success of this 15-year effort, including Chancellor Emeritus Jim Leutze and former board of governors member Bob Warwick and current board of governors member Hannah Gage, both of whom had worked on this during their eight-year terms as UNCW trustees.

Among the legislators who made it happen were UNCW alumni Sen. Julia Boseman '89 and Rep. Pryor Gibson '79. Rep. Thomas Wright attended UNCW from 1976 to 1978. Bob Warwick is also an alumnus of Wilmington College, class of 1955.

Even with this generous appropriation, UNCW and Appalachian State University continue to receive the lowest per-student funding in the system. It would require an additional $7 million per year to bring UNCW to the state per-student average.

The General Assembly also allotted UNCW $2.6 million in planning money for a critically important building to house the School of Nursing and $2.5 million in enrollment growth funding.

UNC Wilmington is in top 10 again

For the eighth consecutive year, UNCW is one of the top 10 public comprehensive universities in the South in annual college rankings by *U.S.News & World Report*.

UNCW is ranked seventh in the 2006 edition of "America's Best Colleges," as it was last year. Other regional universities in the top 10 include James Madison University, The Citadel, College of Charleston, Appalachian State University and UNC Charlotte.

Overall among the 137 public and private comprehensive universities in the South, UNCW improved its ranking from 22nd in last year's edition to 21st this year.

Judge Rebecca Blackmore '75 swears in the newest members of the UNCW Board of Trustees, pictured with Chancellor Rosemary DePaolo and board chair Krista Tillman, second from right. From left are George Teague, Robert King '66 and Linda Pearce.

UNCW welcomed 1,950 new students to campus in August

UNCW welcomed another stellar class of freshmen to campus in August.

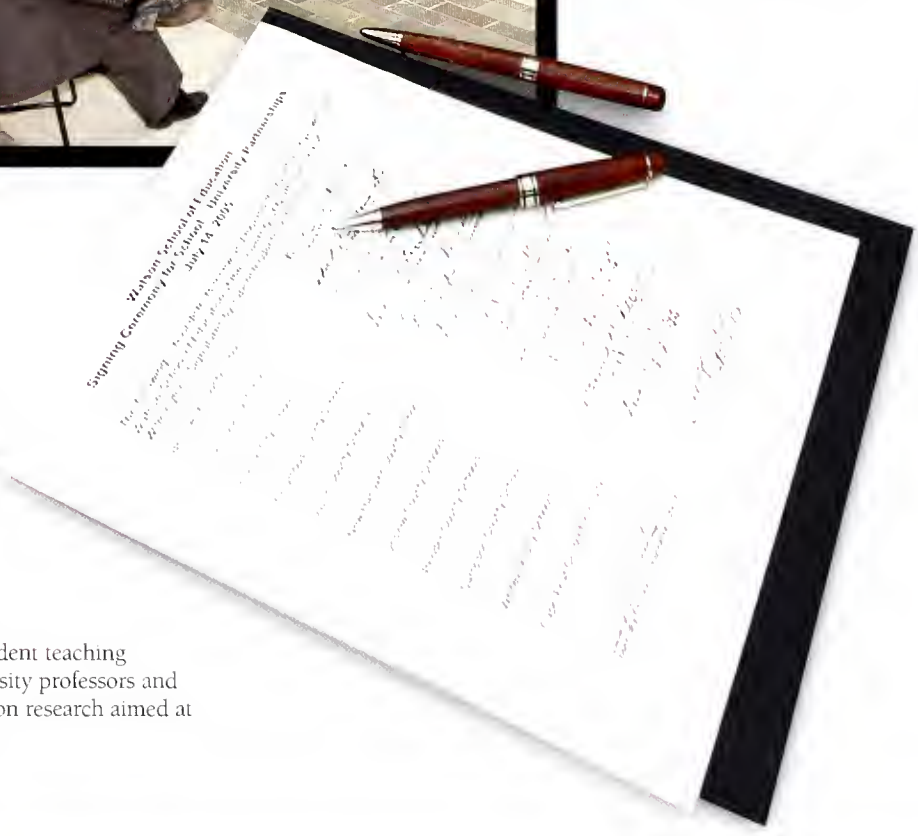
"They will enrich campus life as they discover all of the opportunities that the university offers," Chancellor Rosemary DePaolo said.

Applications for fall semester reached an all-time high of 10,018, for a freshman class of approximately 1,950. For enrolled freshmen, the average SAT score was 1134, and their high school grade point average was 3.6. At press time, total fall enrollment was estimated to be 11,667 students, with 10,613 undergraduates and 1,054 graduate students.

Move-In day Aug. 13 was a success with more than 1,300 volunteers – faculty, staff, students, alumni and parents of upperclassmen – helping new students and their families carry belongings to their residence hall rooms.

Antonia Keith '09 is greeted outside of Galloway Hall as African American Graduate Association (AAGA) volunteers begin unloading his dorm room staples. Over 1,300 volunteers were on hand to help incoming students move in to their on-campus residences during Move-In 2005.

Chancellor Rosemary DePaola addresses area public school superintendents gathered at the Watson School of Education for the school-university partnership agreement signing ceremony.



School of Education renews ties to region's schools

The Watson School of Education renewed its partnership with the region's 10 public school districts at a July 14 ceremony. Through the partnerships, which began in 1993, more than 1,300 teachers from 101 schools in the participating districts attend professional development classes at UNCW. Students from the university gain classroom experience through student teaching opportunities. The partnerships also allow university professors and district teachers and administrators to cooperate on research aimed at improving and assessing education in the region.

Freshman Class by the Numbers

1,632 from North Carolina

147 from New Hanover County

229 want to major in biology and marine biology

80 from Virginia

148 want to be nurses

34 from New Jersey

274 from Wake County, the top in-state county

research

Watermolds revealed

Despite its innocuous name, watermold can destroy livelihoods and cost millions of dollars by devastating crops such as sugarbeats and peas and ruining aquaculture fish and crayfish farms. The fungi also plague home aquariums. In order to help better classify and understand these organisms, David Padgett, professor of biology and marine biology, co-authored a textbook that identifies watermold species worldwide. *Biology and Systematics of the Saprolegniaceae*, which took 32 years to compile, is the most comprehensive treatment of the organisms available. While the text will cost $500, Padgett and co-authors T.W. Johnson Jr. of Duke University and R.L. Seymour of Ohio University specified that a $20 CD version of the book be published to be affordable to those in developing countries.

Red tide threats

In an article published in the June 9 issue of *Nature* magazine, a research team led by Jerome Naar, assistant research professor at the UNCW Center for Marine Science, reported that the algae blooms known as red tide can harm marine mammals even after the blooms have disappeared. Mass fatalities of dolphins and manatees in the last four years were attributed to red tide, but no evidence existed to determine how the organisms harmed the mammals. The researchers from UNCW, the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission's Fish and Wildlife Research Institute and other agencies discovered that the toxins can concentrate in seagrass and fish that the manatees and dolphins eat.

Daniel Baden's research on the red tide toxin, included in a July 23 article in *Science News*, reviewed the threats and therapeutic promises of the microscopic algae known as *Karenia brevis*. Baden is director of the UNCW Center for Marine Science.

Testing local waterways

Through the work of research professor Mike Mallin and professor Larry Cahoon, state and city officials were alerted that dangerous bacteria threatened swimmers and fishermen in Wilmington's Hewletts Creek, following an accidental spill July 1 in which 3 million gallons of raw sewage flowed into the waterway. Several days after the spill levels of the dangerous fecal coliform bacteria in the water had dropped to safe levels, but the UNCW researchers discovered high levels of the bacteria remained in the sediment beneath the water.

Gender and drinking

CROSSROADS, UNCW's substance abuse prevention and education program, is working to identify and address the differences in drinking patterns between male and female students. The program hopes to challenge the culture of masculinity that perpetuates high-risk drinking and eliminate gender-biased advertising, such as ladies night, that promotes binge drinking. The $250,000 U.S. Department of Education grant will fund first-year seminar classes; a summit on masculinity, health and leadership; a gender-based social norms campaign and a reduction in gender-based alcohol advertising in the Wilmington community.

Photo by Jeffrey S. Gill / WILMINGTON STAR-NEWS

David Padgett holds a culture of the watermold that he has spent the last 32 years researching.

Watermold growing on a hemp seed is shown next to a penny for scale.

Holding one of the control samples of toxic algae, Jerome Narr hopes his team's research will shed light on toxic red tide algae and its effects on marine mammals.

Crews of the U.S. Coast Guard Buoy Tender Elm jockey into position for deployment of a new real-time weather and oceanographic buoy in August. The project was jointly funded by UNCW's Coastal Ocean Research and Monitoring Program (CORMP) and the U.S. Marine Corps. The buoy was deployed approximately five miles offshore from Camp Lejeune. Boaters and fishermen from Morehead City, N.C. to Little River, S.C. now benefit from four new real-time buoys, along with two pier-based stations, which transmit marine weather and oceanographic information on an hourly basis. The information can be seen at www.cormp.org.

Photos by Jamie Moncrief

Musicians, authors & dance abound for UNCW arts fans

The 2005-06 season of the UNCW Arts in Action Performance and Leadership Lecture series presents a variety of entertainers, writers and political commentators.

African Cultural Dance Ensemble member Shan-Ra Nichi performs during a UNCWelcome Week program sponsored by the Upperman African American Cultural Center.

Arts in Action

Nov. 5 – Author, *New York Times* columnist and NPR commentator Sarah Vowell takes a wry look at the way comedy and tragedy are intertwined in American life.

Nov. 28 – With David Holt, folk legend Doc Watson headlines a tribute to the music of the North Carolina mountains.

Feb. 21 – South African vocalists Ladysmith Black Mambazo perform a cappella arrangement of traditional South African music known as Isicathamiya.

March 18 – Hubbard Street 2 Dance Company performs a repertoire of works by promising young choreographers.

March 24 and 25 – Inspired by the struggles of the American working class, Shapiro and Smith's "ANYTOWN: Stories of America" uses the music of Bruce Springsteen as the force behind the dance company's choreography.

April 6 – Spanish Harlem Orchestra performs the salsa rhythms that brought the group the Best New Artist Award at the Billboard Latin Music Awards.

Leadership Lecture Series

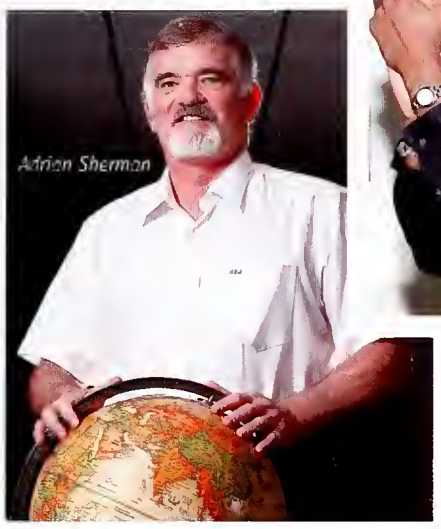
Feb. 20 – Emmy winning correspondent for *The News Hour with Jim Lehrer*, Paul Solman will discuss the economic crisis looming with the aging of the Baby Boomers.

March 20 – Pulitzer Prize-winning reporter David Halberstam will address the challenges facing the nation in this uncertain time.

Arts in Action event tickets are $18 with discounts for students, faculty, staff and seniors. All shows start at 8 p.m. at Kenan Auditorium, except "ANYTOWN: Stories of America" which will be presented in Thalian Hall.

Leadership Lecture Series events are at 7 p.m. at the Kenan Auditorium. Tickets cost $6 and are free for students, faculty and staff.

Tickets are available at the Kenan Auditorium box office at 910.962.3500 or 800.732.3634. Additional information is available at www.uncw.edu/arts.



Tamra Minor

Len Lecci

faculty

UNCW welcomed 63 new faculty members this fall and had several administrative changes and additions.

Terry Curran, dean of students, was promoted to associate provost and will oversee admissions, registrar, institutional research, University College and the implementation of a comprehensive first-year experience program. He plans to place significant emphasis on developing an integrated enrollment management plan that complements the university's strategic plan. Assisting him will be **Kemille Moore** as dean of University College.

Gil Bowen took over as registrar following the retirement of Ron Whittaker. Bowen comes from the State University of New York at Stony Brook, where he managed the Office of the Registrar.

In line with the university's emphasis on undergraduate research, the Graduate School was reorganized to include research services. Under the direction of Dean Robert Roer, **Karen Sandell** is associate dean and **Stephen Meinhold**, director of grants development. **Ron Podraza** is director of technology transfer, a program that takes university research from the laboratory to the marketplace.

Adrian Sherman was appointed assistant provost for international programs. He comes to UNCW from the University of Wisconsin-Whitewater where he was director of international education and programs.

Diversity efforts on campus are under the direction of **Tamra Minor**, and **Deborah Brunson** is managing the Upperman African American Cultural Center. Psychology professor **Tony Puente** was tapped to head up a new Latino Center on campus.

As director of cultural arts, **Norman Bemelmans** will coordinate cultural event initiatives on campus and serve as liaison between UNCW and local, regional and national cultural organizations.

Professors honored for teaching excellence

Psychology professor **Len Lecci** received the UNCW Board of Trustee's Teaching Excellence Award at this year's fall faculty meeting. The award bestows a $1,500 stipend and a medallion on the honoree.

Lecci also received a Distinguished Teaching Professorship Award, which comes with a three-year $5,000 stipend. **Russ Hermann** of mathematics and statistics and **Tammy Hunt** of the Cameron School of Business also received Distinguished Teaching Professorship awards.

Frank Trimble of communication studies received the fourth annual J. Marshall Crews Distinguished Faculty Award, presented by the UNCW Alumni Association Past Chairs Council.

Faculty Scholarship Awards went to **Richard Dillaman**, biology and marine biology; **Patricia Kelley**, earth sciences; and **Sherrill Martin**, music. **Wendy Brenner**, creative writing, and **Barbara Waxman**, English, received graduate mentor awards.

In addition to honoring the nine faculty members, the meeting welcomed 63 new full-time faculty members for the 2005-06 school year.

staff

Campus services warehouse manager George Syles received the 2005 UNCW Staff Award of Excellence at UNCW's 30th annual Service Awards Program. An employee of UNCW since 1991, Syles's supervisor Suzanne Helms said she nominated Syles because of his "outstanding work ethic, exemplary integrity and personal dedication, commitment to excellent service, and uncanny ability to listen to the customer."

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Bright season ahead for men's basketball

GOLDSBERRY LEADS SQUAD INTO 2005-06 SEASON

The Seahawks won't sneak up on anyone in 2005-06. Led by reigning CAA Defensive Player of the Year and first-teamer John Goldsberry, the team returns a host of veterans and new talent for the new campaign.

"I'm excited about the upcoming season," said coach Brad Brownell, voted the conference's Coach of the Year by CollegeInsider.com. "It will be a little more of a challenge for us initially because we'll have several new players to work into the fold, but I like our versatility. We have quite a bit of depth at most positions. We need to be better defensively than we were last year, but I think we can be a more efficient offensive team as well."

Any discussion of UNCW's potential begins and ends with Goldsberry, one of the CAA's top all-around performers.

"John's value to our team is difficult to measure," said Brownell. "He's one of those players you can't measure by what he does in terms of statistics. His knowledge of the game, work ethic and commitment to winning and to team are as good as anyone I've coached."

Goldsberry will be joined in the backcourt by junior shooting guard T.J. Carter, sophomore Daniel Fountain, JUCO transfer Temi Soyebo and rookies Nate Miller and John David Gardner.

Brownell said, "We're as deep as we've been in several years, especially if our new players adjust to our system and this level of play. I think we'll be an improved shooting team and also be able to play at a faster pace on offense."

The Seahawks will count on senior forward Mitch Laue, junior forward Dejan Grkovic and sophomore center Vladmir Kuljanin to lead the way under the bucket. Laue started 17 games and averaged 6.9 points and 4.7 rebounds. Grkovic played in 26 games and Kuljanin collected valuable playing time as a rookie.

The addition of Wake Forest transfer Todd Hendley should also bolster UNCW's interior. Hendley will bring a high energy level to the team after practicing last season with the club and playing in with Athletes In Action in Asia last summer.

Senior forward Beckham Wyrick emerged as a starter last season and returns for his final campaign. The athletic Wyrick made 20 starts and led the team with 6.4 rebounds per game, including a pair of double-doubles against Illinois-Chicago and Towson.

Taking care of the ball was one of the club's fortes in 2004-05, and Brownell hopes his new club will be equally adept at handling the ball.

"We make it a high priority every year to take care of the basketball. Our players realize that's one thing we can control. We were more poised down the stretch last season than the previous year."

UNCW has averaged 19.3 wins in Brownell's three seasons at the helm and the 36-year-old skipper sees no reason to expect anything different this fall.

"I really feel good about the state of the program right now. This year's team is talented enough and motivated enough to once again challenge for the league title."

2005 – 06 MEN'S BASKETBALL SCHEDULE

DATE	OPPONENT
Nov. 5	MOUNT OLIVE (Exhibition)
Nov. 8	ARMSTRONG ATLANTIC (Exhibition)
Nov. 13-15	BCA Invitational (Laramie, Wyo.)
Nov. 18	at Colorado
Nov. 22	NORTH TEXAS
Nov. 26	at Elon
Nov. 30	at William & Mary
Dec. 4	VCU
Dec. 12	at Wisconsin
Dec. 17	COASTAL CAROLINA
Dec. 20	UNC ASHEVILLE
Dec. 27	COL. OF CHARLESTON
Dec. 31	at East Carolina
Jan. 3	at Old Dominion
Jan. 5	at Delaware
Jan. 7	WILLIAM & MARY
Jan. 12	at Drexel
Jan. 14	at Hofstra
Jan. 19	TOWSON
Jan. 21	GEORGE MASON
Jan. 26	at James Madison
Jan. 28	NORTHEASTERN
Feb. 2	DREXEL
Feb. 4	at George Mason
Feb. 9	DELAWARE
Feb. 11	at Georgia State
Feb. 15	HOFSTRA
Feb. 23	at VCU
Feb. 25	GEORGIA STATE
Mar. 3-6	CAA Championship (Richmond, Va.)

Dates and times subject to change

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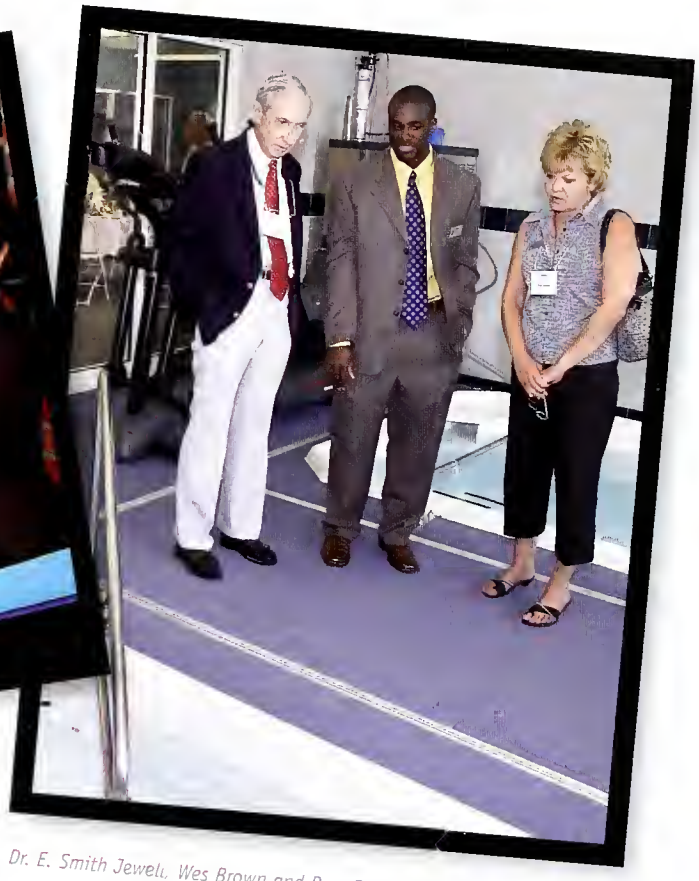
Dr. William P. Nixon, Athletic Director Mike Capaccio, Trustee Chair Krista Tillman, Dr. Durwood Almkuist and Chancellor Rosemary DePaolo cut the ribbon to open the Almkuist-Nixon Sports Medicine Building in August.



Dr. E. Smith Jewell, Wes Brown and Pam Rancke tour the Almkuist-Nixon Sports Medicine Building.

Women's golfer named Scholar Athlete of the Year

Junior women's golfer **Michelle Jarman** was named the Colonial Athletic Association Female Scholar-Athlete of the Year for 2004-05.

Jarman is a three-time member of the National Collegiate Golf Coaches Association Academic All-Scholar Team and a four-time recipient of the UNCW Chancellor's Achievement Award for maintaining a perfect 4.0 grade point average while carrying 15 or more academic hours. A double major in pre-physical therapy and finance, Jarman received UNCW's Leadership Excellence Award in 2004 and is a three-time winner of the Golden Seahawk Award.

On the course, she helped lead the Seahawks to their fourth straight appearance in the NCAA Regionals. A first-team All-CAA selection in 2005, Jarman posted a 74.67 scoring average this season, which was the second-lowest in the conference and the second-lowest in UNCW history. A medalist or co-medalist three times this season, Jarman recorded six Top 10 finishes and was 48th in the final Golf Stat Cup rankings.

Women's golf team has second best GPA in nation

The National Golf Coaches Association announced that the UNCW women's golf team's collective grade point average of 3.672 ranked as the second-best in the country last season.

"It's the only time you feel good about coming in second," said fourth-year coach Cindy Ho. "It's a great representation of our golf program and what it's about. Their excellence in the classroom is due to hard work and dedication. We have some outstanding athletes, but we have some tremendous students as well."

South Carolina, with a 3.752 GPA, topped the 25-team list, but UNCW followed closely at 3.672, with New Mexico (3.628), Washington State (3.625) and Northern Arizona (3.620) rounding out the top five.

The 2004-05 squad featured four NGCA Scholar-Athletes Michelle Jarman, Becky Berzonski, Liana Viljoen and Whitney Whaley.

With a little help from their friends

by Marybeth K. Bianchi

COLONIAL WATERBIRDS THRIVE ON RIVER ISLANDS

These are small oases, dotting the lower Cape Fear River. To the untrained eye, these islands, created over a 70-year span by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers' river and inlet deepening projects, may seem totally worthless. But nearly 40 years ago, one man recognized the significant role they play in the area's ecosystem.

Trudy Wilder '96, a biologist with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, joins UNCW alumna Nicole Loft '05 (center) and former UNCW professor Jim Parnell on a trip to North Pelican Island just across from Military Ocean Terminal Sunny Point on the Cape Fear River.

Bill Adams '85M, a biologist and section chief with the Corps in Wilmington, remembers a call from UNCW biology professor James Parnell in the late 1970s.

"Did you know your islands are really valuable for birds," he had said.

From that observation, a long relationship between otherwise conflicting groups was about to unfold.

"The Corps has a mandate to dredge," explained Parnell. "They were not at all used to having a biologist say anything good to them."

"The Corps was doing a good job of managing birds. They realized they could play an important role. The only thing we wanted was to adjust their schedule so they didn't destroy sites with birds on them. If they know where the birds are going to be, it makes it easier to schedule," said the now-retired Parnell whose interest in these islands dates back to the late 1960's.

"Nobody had looked to see what happened over time" on these man-made islands, Parnell observed. "One thing led to another and I realized that no one had done any breeding season censuses of colonial waterbirds in North Carolina."

As a result, the Corps funded the first bird nest counts.

Parnell, in collaboration with NC State doctoral graduate student Robert Soots, embarked on a project that would consume him for years, provide data on colonial waterbird populations and habitats that had never before been collected and serve as the basis for the development of a colonial waterbird management plan, the first of its kind in the state.

Everyone agreed that colonial waterbirds – gulls, terns, pelicans and long-legged waders – were being driven from their nesting areas by coastal development, and their numbers were declining. Without anyone realizing it, the dredge islands were providing a much needed surrogate habitat. Some offered sandy habitats for terns, others had grassy areas for gulls and pelicans and a few offered scrub forest for wading birds. They were isolated from mammalian predators - foxes and raccoons - had nearby food sources and were free of human disturbance.

"If we hadn't deliberately dumped sand there, it's highly likely the birds would be gone," said Adams.

Realizing the value of these spoil islands, Parnell worked with the Corps and their dredging contractors to make sure that sand pumped from shoals was properly placed to make the best habitat for birds.

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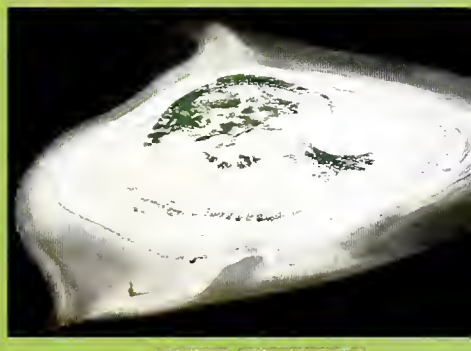
FERRY SLIP ISLAND

BEFORE DREDGING



AFTER DREDGING

SOUTH PELICAN ISLAND

Photos by Walker Golder

"Wherever there is good sand with a lot of water, we try to build these islands," Adams said.

Parnell said the way they placed sand was important. Dikes often were used to prevent runoff of sand into important fisheries, but the islands that resulted were unsuitable for several species that depend on the islands. A certain height and slope were important, and Parnell worked with the Corps and dredge contractors to make sure the requirements were met.

South Pelican and Ferry Slip islands in the lower Cape Fear River are important nesting habitats for 15 to 20 percent of the state's royal and sandwich tern and pelican populations. Over the past 13 years, both had been slowly overtaken by grass and other vegetation and were in jeopardy of being abandoned by the birds, which need a sandy open environment.

Walker Golder '85, '90M, deputy director of Audubon North Carolina, the North Carolina State Office of the National Audubon Society and a former student of Parnell, said vegetation had been removed by hand for several years, but grew back - a new infusion of sand was desperately needed - something which ideally should happen every five to seven years - but was now six years overdue.

"These two islands had been 13 years without sand," Golder pointed out.

However, federal budget cutbacks severely limited the Corps dredging projects and no sand was available.

"Our mission is to maintain channels in the most cost-effective manner," Adams said. The Corps saw the need for sand on the islands, but had to wait until the river channel needed to be dredged and the federal funds were available.

That chance came in the summer of 2004 when Corps biologist Jeff Richter '82 contacted Golder and said they were ready, and the islands received 106,000 cubic yards of sand in December.

This spring the waterbird population swelled.

"Black skimmers showed up for the first time in a decade and thousands of terns nested successfully," Golder said. "It was a successful project for the birds."

As important as the Corps' dredging is to the increase in coastal waterbird populations, so too was Parnell's development of a management plan.

"We are at the forefront," Corps biologist Trudy Wilder '96 said. "We owe that all to Jim. He was a visionary."

Parnell, however, is not one to take credit for the increasing colonial waterbird population. "The university is supposed to get things started, do the research and pass it on.

"I'm convinced the reason we've had a lot of success is because in North Carolina we had a history of cooperation between agencies. When we called all these people together it wasn't confrontational to begin with."

Under Parnell's guidance, the North Carolina colonial waterbird management program was formed in 1988. Wilder said state and federal agencies came together and signed a cooperative agreement with the N.C. Wildlife Resources Commission

BROWN PELICAN

WHITE IBIS

GREAT EGRET

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LOVE OF COAST INSPIRES GOLDER

A self-described "beach rat," Walker Golder '85, '90M was born and raised at Wrightsville Beach and had an early interest in wildlife biology. He didn't want to leave the beach, so he enrolled at UNCW where he took courses "in a little bit of everything."

In the summer of 1983, professor Jim Parnell asked him if he wanted to spend the summer counting birds to update the *Atlas of Colonial Waterbirds*.

"It was a fabulous experience," Golder said, one that took him from Currituck Sound to South Carolina "all by boat."

Parnell then needed a graduate student to help him manage Battery and Striking Islands, and Golder jumped at the opportunity to work with "one of the country's

leading experts on waterbirds and waterbird management."

Golder eventually was hired to launch the Audubon Society's N.C. coastal sanctuary program, based in Wilmington.

"I enjoy being out on the islands – being in the field – but there's a lot that has to happen to get to that point," Golder said.

In addition to managing the areas that were already a part of the sanctuary system and providing educational programs, he has worked to acquire privately owned sites that were crucial to the waterbird populations. Twelve were identified initially, and 11 have been acquired, mainly through donations, along with other sites not on the original list of acquisition targets. In addition, he also had to secure funding for his entire program, which at the time was $50,000.

The program has since grown to five staff members – three seasonal workers, one full-time and one part-time biologist, a budget of $150,000 and 21 islands and tens of thousands of birds to manage.

Photos by Walker Golder and Jamie Monnier

and "started looking at what we could all bring together for the betterment of birds," Wilder said.

Parnell also worked with the National Audubon Society, which had a history of creating sanctuary systems in coastal states, to get a system set up in North Carolina. Battery Island and Striking Island, in the lower Cape Fear River, were the first islands acquired in the state system. Since the mid-1980s, the system has grown to include 21 sanctuaries. As a graduate student in marine biology, Golder was the first full-time sanctuary manager. "The work he's done has been phenomenal," Parnell said of his former student. Between the Audubon Society and N.C. Wildlife Resources Commission, "we've got a pretty good handle on most of the major nesting sites in the state," Parnell said.

"North Carolina is very fortunate. We got involved early and got a system in place to give these birds some clout and a mandate for public and private agencies to manage them."

Through the years, Parnell involved numerous undergraduates and eventually graduate students in his field work. After conducting an aerial survey to locate all the colony sites, they would spend the summer months traveling to the many islands in the state's coastal waters counting birds.

The first census was taken in 1977 and resulted in the publication of the *Atlas of Colonial Waterbirds of North Carolina Estuaries.*

"The basic technique is very simple, not high tech," Parnell explained. Working early in the day, never when it's raining and before eggs have hatched, several people walk an arm-length apart in a straight line, count the nests they encounter, and then estimate the number of adults. The counts weren't precise, but because they were done the same time and the same way every year, the data could be compared.

"We think it worked reasonably well," Parnell said. "No one has come up with a better method. You try to get the best precision with the least damage. You disturb the birds, but only for a short time."

Still done every three years, now primarily by the N.C. Wildlife Resources Commission, the counts show that many species of coastal waterbirds in North Carolina are "in pretty good shape. The dredge material islands were tremendously important. Birds traditionally have to move occasionally, but there have always been alternate sites. Now there are few alternate sites," Parnell noted.

"Most of the waterbird nesting sites are actually managed by state agencies or the Audubon Society," said Golder, "Protection of nesting sites has increased dramatically, due in a large part to Dr. Parnell's efforts. It has a lot to do with him and his leadership."

In 1990, in *Management of North Carolina's Colonial Waterbirds*, Parnell and his co-author Mark Shields '85M divided the state into five zones with the goal of maintaining a diversity of habitats in each of these zones so a catastrophic event in one area wouldn't wipe out an entire population of waterbirds.

"The lower Cape Fear River has a diversity of habitats," Golder said. "It's important to maintain an wide range of habitats across the state to support the many species of waterbirds we have in the state."

In all, about 25 species of waterbirds nest in North Carolina (20 species in the lower Cape Fear region; 16 species on the lower Cape Fear River islands).

North Pelican Island in the Cape Fear River is home to 600-700 pairs of brown pelicans and 800-900 pairs of other wading birds. "Pretty much all the glossy ibises on the river are on this island," Golder noted.

Ferry Slip Island supports more than 3,000 pairs of royal terns, and South Pelican Island is a haven for laughing gulls, pelicans and royal terns.

Over the past 15 years, Battery Island's white ibis population has exploded to 15,000 pairs of birds. "We like to think we had some role there," Golder said.

However, not all waterbirds are faring as well. Golder said the least tern, gull-billed tern, common tern and black skimmer are "in for a rocky road ahead" because the beach is their main habitat.

With that in mind, Golder said he is now developing a conservation plan to expand his work to beaches along the southeast coast of North Carolina.

"We're devoting time and energy to protecting beach habitats, and we're already seeing the benefits," he said.

Marybeth K. Bianchi is editor of *UNCW Magazine.*

HOW YOU CAN HELP

As coastal populations swell and the number of day-trippers soars, the habitats of waterbirds face ever increasing threats. But everyone can help protect these birds that make a trip to the beach so memorable. Walker Golder offered these suggestions:

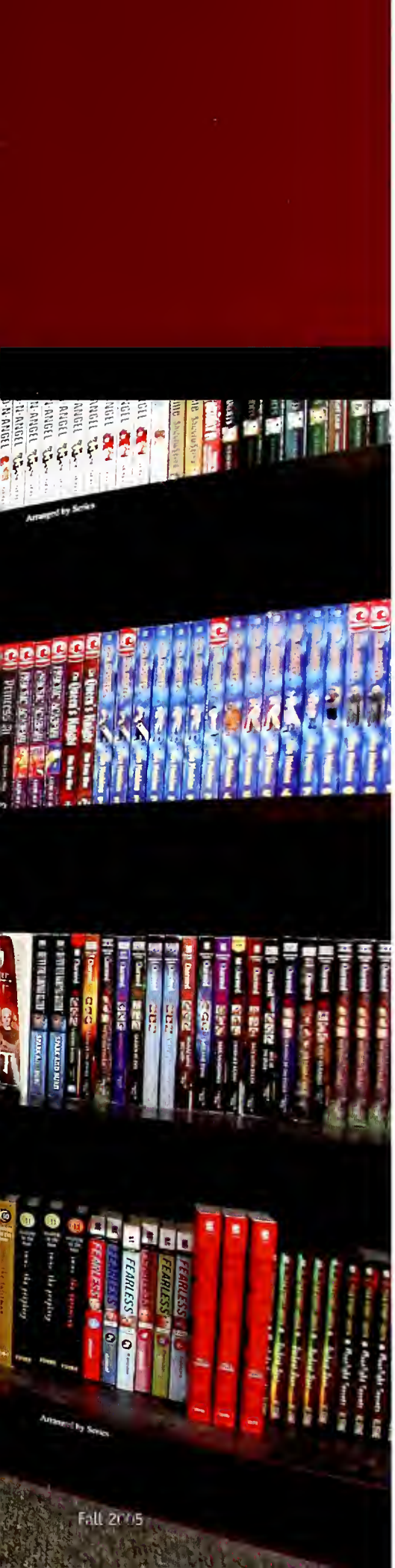
First and foremost, obey signs posted on the beach or islands dotting the Intracoastal Waterway and Cape Fear River. Some easily accessible areas like the north end of Wrightsville Beach are posted with warnings year round, others, like Hutaff and Lea Islands, accessible only by boat, are posted during the nesting season. Disturbances from people and dogs can cause nesting waterbirds to abandon nesting sites.

When fishing, whether from a pier, a boat or the surf, properly dispose of fishing line. Golder said at least 40 percent of pelicans and terns found dead, perished because they became entangled in discarded fishing line.

Coming of age

YOUNG ADULT LITERATURE IS GROWING UP

Young reader Katie Fischetti gets lost in a good book at Barnes & Noble Booksellers at Wilmington's Mayfaire Town Center.



If you believe the images of American teenagers in the entertainment and news media, you'd think that today's 12- to 18-year-olds do nothing but watch TV, play video games, instant message each other on their laptops or download songs for their MP3 players.

by Dana Fischetti

While it is true that adolescents enjoy electronic recreation and it is certainly true that the Millennials are the most technologically savvy generation in history, many members of this age group engage in a low-tech activity that may surprise you.

They read. Voraciously. And they are reading creative, thought-provoking works that address the issues this generation faces as they grow into adults.

"The quality of young adult (YA) literature has grown significantly in recent years," said David Gill, associate professor of English education in the Watson School of Education at UNCW. "Where there used to be 20 to 30 excellent YA novels there are now hundreds. Some of the best writers in America are writing YA literature."

This resurgence has solidified YA as a separate literary genre and made it one of the publishing industry's healthiest segments. It has also made YA literature a hot area of academic study. Several faculty scholars at UNCW are involved in teaching and research on the use of YA literature as a teaching tool for middle and high school students as well as the evaluation of YA books as literary works.

Meghan Sweeney, assistant professor in the Department of English, focuses on literary criticism of YA books in her classes, encouraging prospective teachers and other students to connect with adolescent readers as well as with their own adolescent experiences through the text.

"I want to expose my students to the nuances of the literature and its messages," she said. "We talk about ideological issues such as adolescent feelings of repression, power or lack of power and alienation. Both adolescents and adults can connect with a really good YA book, which can in turn help teachers connect with their students."

The young adult genre

Young adult literature has recently come of age as a literary category, with sales growing 23 percent since 1999 against a relatively flat adult market. While the top YA seller by far is the Harry Potter series, overall revenue in the YA segment increased to $410 million in 2004 even without a new Potter book.

Generally written for readers between ages 12 and 18, YA literature involves issues and life transitions that adolescents are concerned about, are involved in or can relate to. Many of those subjects are physical, emotional and social issues that young people face in their daily lives.

"In order to be YA, a book has to be written from an adolescent point of view," said Sweeney. "YA books get into the skin of the adolescent protagonist to show how that character reacts to certain situations and grows from those experiences."

According to Gill, the move toward realism in teen literature began with the publication of S.E. Hinton's *The Outsiders* in 1966. That novel, in which three brothers struggle to stay together after their parents' death, began a progression leading to the wealth of quality YA literature available in today's market.

"*The Outsiders* moved away from adolescent fiction that was formulaic and in many ways unrealistic, such as the Nancy Drew books, and transformed it into something contemporary and provocative," said Gill. "It opened up the possibilities of subjects that could be of interest to and appropriate for young adult readers."

In more recent works, those subjects include many controversial topics such as sexuality, abortion, religion, abuse and rape. That openness to topics that were considered taboo in the past has drawn authors to the YA genre, Gill said, because they can find a greater creative challenge in writing for adolescents than in writing

Photo by Jamie Moncrief

David Gill, associate professor in the Watson School of Education, exposes teacher education students to high-quality young adult literature through class readings and encourages them to introduce YA books into the middle and high school curriculum.

for adults. Many talented new writers are starting out in the YA genre and a number of established adult fiction writers, such as Michael Chabon (*Summerland*), Joyce Carol Oates (*Big Mouth and Ugly Girl*) and Francine Prose (*After*) are trying their hand at YA literature as well.

"There are really no rules in YA literature because teens are open to reading books written in alternative styles, such as novels that are a series of letters or poems," Gill said. "Because of that, there's a great deal of creativity and variety in YA books, which appeals to both readers and authors."

YA literature in the classroom

Gill is particularly interested in the process of introducing new high-quality YA literature into the curriculum for middle and high schools and exposing teachers and teacher education students to new, high-quality YA books through class readings. He is also addressing these issues on a national level through his service on the board of directors of both the Assembly on Literature for Adolescents (ALAN) and the National Council of Teachers of English (NCTE).

One of the most difficult challenges for teachers in many places is to successfully introduce new young adult books into the middle and high school curriculum, Gill said. In many states, including North Carolina, the language arts curriculum is set by the state and often includes primarily books from the traditional literature canon.

"It's fine that traditional literature is included," Gill said, "but we have to remember that these books were not written for this age group. I remind my teacher education students that Charles Dickens is science fiction to a 16-year-old. It is literally another world with unfamiliar language, dress, manners and setting. Teachers have to help students understand literature within its context.

"I find adolescent students gain more from reading the classics if they are paired with a complementary young adult novel, such as reading George Orwell's *1984* with Lois Lowry's *The Giver*. These books have similar themes but *The Giver* is much more accessible to students."

Adolescents also respond positively to the diversity in YA literature, according to Tom MacLennan, professor of English. New books for young adults are highly multicultural, he said, with some of the best works focused on protagonists who are African American, Asian, Hispanic and Native American.

"In society, students now have a wider range of ethnic groups that they interact with," he said. "YA literature is reflecting the growing diversity of America and providing realistic portrayals of issues that relate to specific cultures. This helps all young readers better understand and mpathize with their peers."

YA literature and censorship

Young adult literature is a genre that covers a wide range of subjects and subgenres, including mystery, fantasy, science fiction and horror. Many YA books also fit the category of the "problem novel," which addresses sensitive social and emotional issues that adolescents face in everyday life. Because of the subject matter, these works and their authors are particularly vulnerable to censorship.

According to Gill, there is at least one book, and usually more, covering just about every issue teenagers might come across in their own experiences or those of their friends. This causes concern among parents and school personnel, particularly because the genre covers a wide age range and what may be appropriate for an 18-year-old may not be for a 12-year-old.

"One example is a book called *Crosses* by Shelley Stoehr, which is about the practice of cutting, or self-mutilation, in adolescent girls," said Gill. "This is an issue some parents might not want their children to read about, but it is a very real problem. It's up to parents to take responsibility for their children's reading and determine what books are best for them."

But some people want to go further, lobbying to have books that they consider inappropriate for adolescents banned from libraries or school curriculums. "There is a big difference between responsible parenting and censorship," Gill explained. "The decisions I make about what my children should and should not read are parenting. The decisions someone else tries to make about what my children can and cannot read is censorship. And that's limiting academic freedom."

MacLennan said he encourages parents and educators not to dismiss books as inappropriate for students because of the language used in the book or the discussion of a sensitive issue.

"The themes of YA literature are quite mature, realistic and reflective of our society," he said. "It would be nice if people weren't addicted to drugs and there were no gangs but those are part of our reality. I'd much rather have students discuss these issues and come to some mature conclusions about them under the guidance of a trained teacher than to be left to grapple with them on their own."

With the support and involvement of teachers and parents, adolescents benefit greatly from the intellectual growth and emotional development that comes from reading young adult books, Gill said.

So the next time you see a teenage girl cruising the mall on a Friday night looking for the perfect pair of jeans that was made just for her, remember that on Saturday she may well be headed to the library in search of a good book that was written just for her as well.

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advice

FOR PARENTS OF YOUNG ADULT READERS

Unsure where to start in determining which young adult books are appropriate for your adolescent child? David Gill, associate professor of English education in the Watson School of Education, offers the following advice for parents:

1 Read book reviews online. VOYA.com, the Web site of the Voice of Youth Advocates magazine, reviews many YA books. Editorial reviews and reader reviews can also be found at Amazon.com and BarnesandNoble.com. Through these sources, parents can find out the basic plot of the book, the age group for which it's appropriate and whether or not it contains provocative language or other sensitive issues.

2 Be familiar with the books. After reading the online reviews, find the books in the bookstore or at the library. It's not necessary for parents to read all of the books their children read but at least scan through them. "Particularly check out the cover," said Gill. "If the cover looks provocative, it's more than likely a provocative book."

3 Listen to books on tape or CD with your children. This is a great way to spend time with adolescent children, show an interest in something that interests them, be aware of what they're reading and pass time on long trips.

4 Don't limit reading to the Newbery Medal list or any award list. Award lists provide helpful suggestions of some of the best books but just because a book wins an award doesn't mean it's the best book published that year. "Award committees tend to like edgy, experimental fiction," Gill said. "Some books that have been passed over for awards in the past are now classics."

5 Encourage your teen to tell you about the books he or she is reading. This way you can initiate discussions about any difficult issues the characters in the book are facing and answer any questions your child may have.

Some of the best new young adult literature

Would you like to get your kids reading some of the highest-quality books in YA literature? Wondering where to start? Below is a list of the "best of the best" of the last five years, compiled by Gill. There are many more excellent YA books available, Gill said, so this is by no means a complete list but it provides a stepping-off point for newcomers to the genre.

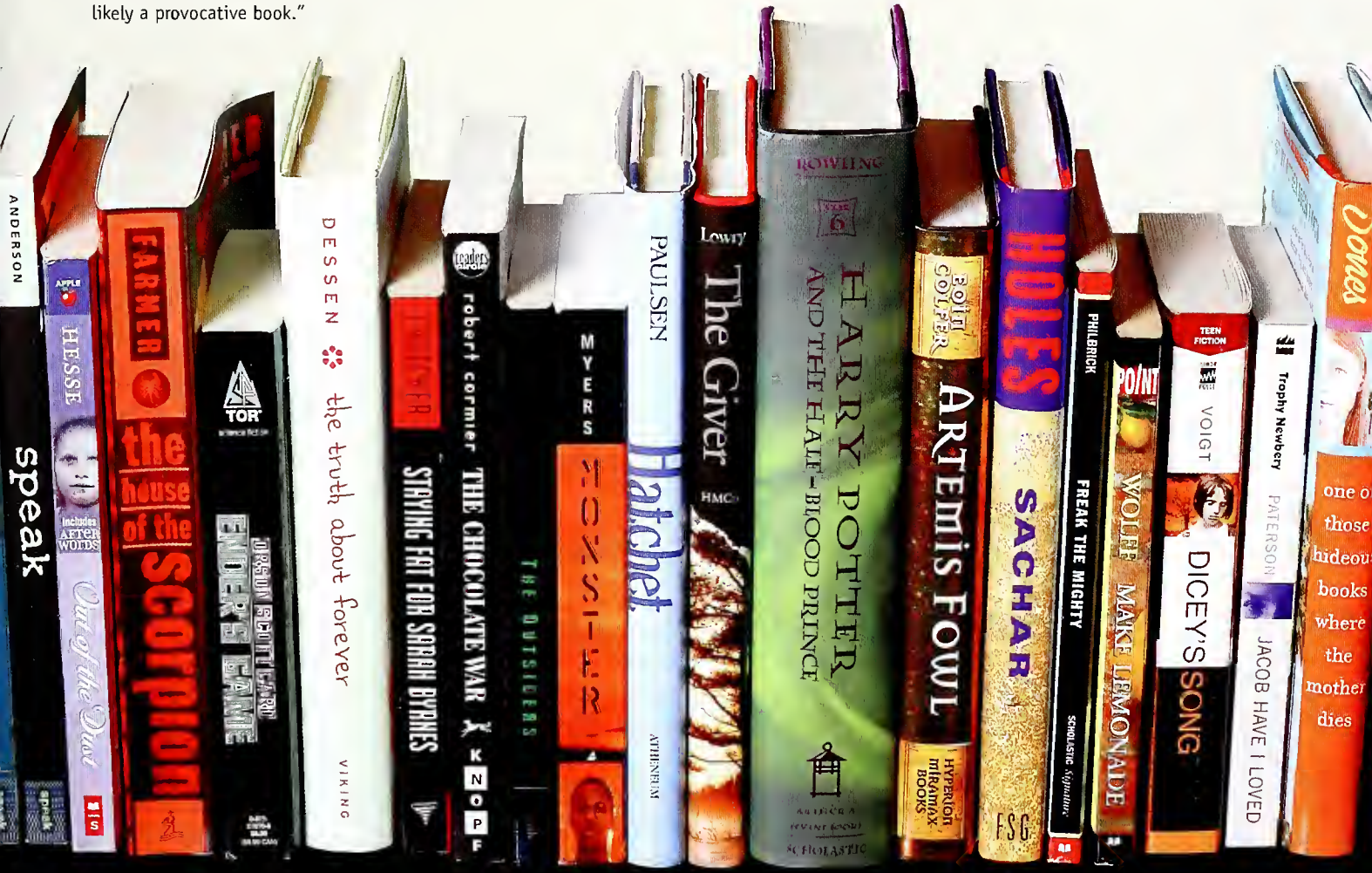
Esperanza Rising by Pam Munoz Ryan, 2000

Lord of the Deep by Graham Salisbury, 2001

King of the Mild Frontier by Chris Crutcher, 2003

You Don't Know Me by David Klass, 2001

The First Part Last by Angela Johnson, 2003



Diversifying the campus

by Andrea Weaver

Marcio Moreno welcomes the opportunity to serve as a "persona de contacto."

"I go out into the community, and I let everyone know that UNC Wilmington is preparing for the Hispanic boom," said Moreno, the first Hispanic assistant director of admissions at UNCW.

North Carolina leads the nation in Hispanic population growth, experiencing a 395 percent increase from 1990 to 2000, according to the U.S. Census Bureau. Several counties in eastern North Carolina, including Bladen, Brunswick, Columbus, Duplin, New Hanover and Pender, were among the areas with the greatest gains in Hispanic population.

Photo by Jamie Moncrief

'CHOOSING A COLLEGE IS A FAMILY PROCESS, AND IT CAN BE A SCARY PROCESS.'

UNCW PREPARES FOR HISPANIC BOOM

Moreno, a native of Panama, previously served as an admissions recruiter at Fayetteville State University and taught English-as-a-Second-Language (ESL) classes in Durham and Duplin County, giving him first-hand experience working with Latino students and their families.

Now at UNCW, he is creating a comprehensive recruitment plan that includes visits to N.C. high schools with large Latino populations, participation in local Latino organizations and Spanish translations of admissions materials.

"The students prefer materials in English, but the parents and families prefer Spanish," Moreno said. "Choosing a college is a family process, and it can be a scary process. The more they know, the more they understand, the better they feel."

Moreno's work is guided by the UNCW diversity plan. At nearly 200 pages, the plan contains extensive research and 10 specific recommendations designed to help UNCW recruit and better serve students from a variety of historically underrepresented cultures. Employing the university's first bilingual admissions officer – the position Moreno now holds – was one of the top 10 priorities outlined in the plan.

About 2.21 percent of the UNCW student population is Hispanic, according to spring 2005 enrollment information compiled by the Office of Institutional Research. In comparison, white students constitute the largest segment of the campus population at 88.85 percent; African-American students comprise the second-largest segment at 6 percent.

Two new campus organizations – Mi Gente, guided by students, and Centro Hispano, led by a faculty member – have formed to serve Hispanic students and help students from other cultures learn about Latinos.

Mi Gente ("My People")

Last year, junior Nadya Robles and other students founded Mi Gente, a student organization that aspires to serve as a resource for any student interested in Hispanic heritage.

"We are just trying to involve everyone on campus in our culture," Robles said. She was born in New Jersey but her family moved to Duplin County when she was a freshman in high school. Like many of the Latinos who relocated to North Carolina during the past decade, Robles' parents, native Hondurans, were searching for a better life, including an excellent, yet affordable, education for their children.

Photo by Jamie Moncrief

Nadya Robles stands in her room where she proudly displays the Honduran flag.

"My father realized that it would be cheaper to move to North Carolina so that we could get in-state tuition," Robles said, adding that her education at UNCW has been "a unique experience" because "it is kind of hard to find people on campus who share the same culture as me."

"The professors, the administrators and the staff have been very supportive, and *not* because I'm Latino. That's just the way UNCW is and I've tried to get that message across to friends from my high school."

Robles has flourished at UNCW. She employs the skills she has honed with a major in creative writing, with a minor in leadership studies, to promote local musical groups such as Princess Shelly B., Jozeemo and the B Girl Fest Hip Hop Tour. With such experience, she dreams about one day working for a successful recording company or music industry magazine.

In August, UNCW initiated Centro Hispano, a Hispanic resource center to enhance the supportive campus environment. Psychology professor Antonio Puente directs the center and this year he hopes to define its role.

"We plan to focus on scholarship, teaching and service across multidisciplinary lines," he said. "We want to involve all levels of the university – students, administration, faculty, staff, alumni and the community."

Challenges

Despite the surge in North Carolina's Hispanic population, the effort to recruit Latino students is far from easy. In some cases, they lack the academic requirements for acceptance at UNCW; in other cases, their families want them to work full-time as soon as possible. In many cases, they lack the funds.

"Right now, the biggest obstacle for my students will be tuition," Moreno said.

A college education is expensive for many families, regardless of their cultural background. The cost is a special challenge for students who are not legal residents of the United States.

Undocumented students are ineligible for most scholarships and financial aid. They must pay out-of-state tuition if they enroll at any of the 16 campuses in the UNC system. At UNCW, the fall 2005 semester tuition and mandatory fees for out-of-state students is $6,815 compared with $1,847 for in-state students.

"I have students with 4.0 GPAs who say 'I'm going to pick strawberries' when I ask them what they plan to do after high school," Moreno said. "They want to attend UNCW, but they cannot afford out-of-state tuition. They ask me what they should do and I tell them I don't have the answers."

Across the United States, in-state tuition proposals for undocumented residents have prompted strong debate. At present, nine states allow them to pay in-state tuition: California, Illinois, Kansas, New Mexico, New York, Oklahoma, Texas, Utah and Washington.

Both the U.S. Congress and the N.C. General Assembly recently debated measures to extend in-state tuition rates to some undocumented residents, but the issue remains unsolved.

Despite the challenges, recruiting Latino students to campus reinforces UNCW's mission to offer all students, regardless of their cultural heritage, the best education possible.

"The more diverse the campus, the more diverse the student body, the more successful all students will be, and the more real their education will be," Moreno said.

Andrea Weaver is communications and marketing manager for the UNCW Division for University Advancement.

Local alumnus' gift aims to make campus safer for all *by Larry Pakowski*

As a subtle reminder of safety, University Police gave each incoming freshman a teal coiled wristband with a lighted, white high-pitch whistle.

The bracelet and whistle project was made possible by a generous donation from Howard Coupland '93, a Wilmington commercial photographer. He wanted to contribute toward making the campus a safer place. He referred to the saying, "All that is necessary for the triumph of evil is that good men do nothing," widely attributed to Edmund Burke, noting that he tries to live his life guided by that thought.

Coupland is the grandson of major UNCW benefactor, Raiford Trask Sr.

Lt. Mitch Cook called the whistles "another tool to improve safety," and with self-defense and Rape Aggression Defense courses already in place, the whistles are the next step in continuing to ensure that UNCW is a safe campus.

"Any tool that will bring attention helps, especially with this being such a pedestrian campus," Cook said. With security officers on foot and police officers on bikes and in patrol cars, the whistles, if blown, will be heard throughout the campus.

In addition to the whistles, the police department also sent every freshman, both on and off campus, a packet containing brochures, a magnet with local and UNCW law enforcement phone numbers and a letter from the University Police Chief David Donaldson.

Although this is the first year for the wristbands, plans are already underway to ensure they become a normal giveaway associated with "UNCWelcome" which annually kicks off the new academic year.

Larry Pakowski is a senior communication studies major who had a summer internship with UNCW University Relations.

Illuminoting whistles were provided by UNCW police to all freshmon in its effort to improve campus safety.

Calling all alumni and friends

The UNCW Annual Fund Phonathon is in full swing, and student callers enjoy telling alumni and friends about what is happening on campus.

Last year, the phonathon took in a total of 4,380 pledges to raise $224,478 which went to more than 55 different programs and organizations on campus. This year, even more alumni, family and friends will be contacted as the phonathon will run during both the fall and spring semesters. Students will call graduates of all the academic areas, UNCW parents and UNCW friends.

Since UNCW only gets a portion of its budget from the state, the university relies on private donations to support additional needs. The phonathon is an effective way for the university to raise funds and maintain connections with alumni and friends. The phonathon also provides professional work experience for students on campus; more than 20 UNCW students are employed as callers.

To learn more about the phonathon, visit www.uncw.edu/uniadv/invest-phonathon.htm.

INTERESTED IN ESTABLISHING A SCHOLARSHIP FUND?

Your gift will help UNCW students obtain the priceless experience of a high-quality education. Please contact the Division for University Advancement to discuss your ideas: 910.962.3751, 866.468.6291 or www.uncw.edu/uniadv.

Dave and Diane Swain and junior Amanda Peay (center) at the Scholarship Donor Appreciation Luncheon held Sept. 29 at Warwick Center.

Photos by Jamie Moncrief

Gifts to UNCW up 16 percent

UNCW alumni and friends generously supported the university in 2004-05, contributing $5,496,237 during the fiscal year that ended June 30. The total is the largest amount UNCW has ever raised from private donations in a fiscal year.

"UNCW sincerely appreciates the generosity of our alumni and friends," Chancellor Rosemary DePaolo said. "Their gifts enrich students' educational experiences."

The 2004-05 contributions from alumni, friends, corporations, foundations and other supporters totaled nearly 16 percent more than the donations the university received the previous fiscal year. Donors supported programs in many areas, including academics, athletics, student affairs, community outreach and research. Gifts to establish or support endowed scholarships constituted 23.5 percent of the private donations UNCW received.

Of 40,572 alumni, 12.24 percent gave to UNCW, contributing $489,570 more than the previous year. The goal for their participation was 12 percent. In 2005-06, the alumni participation goal is 13 percent.

Mary Gornto, vice chancellor of the Division for University Advancement, attributed the increase in gifts to several factors, including:

- Reorganizing the university's advancement staff into a centralized team at the beginning of the fiscal year to improve fundraisers' effectiveness;
- Operating the phonathon on campus with UNCW students as callers; in previous years, the phonathon was conducted by an off-campus vendor; and
- Improving communication with donors through more frequent publication of *UNCW Magazine*.

"UNCW is fortunate to have many dedicated alumni and friends," Gornto said. "With their continued commitment, the university hopes to build on this year's success to generate additional private support for UNCW."

New UNCW students and their parents had an appartunity to meet Chancellor Rosemary DePaola at a Parents Council receptian hasted by Dale and Gail Parker, parents of Bryan, Class of 2006, and Daniel, Class of 2008. The event was held Aug. 12 at the Parkers' residence in Bensan.

Giving Totals for FY 2003, 2004 & 2005*

July 1, 2004 — June 30, 2005	
Total Gifts	$5,496,237
July 1, 2003 — June 30, 2004	
Total Gifts	$4,734,550
July 1, 2002 — June 30, 2003	
Total Gifts	$4,594,138

* UNCW raises funds on a fiscal year schedule which begins July 1 and ends the following June 30.

Honor roll of donors available online

"The Power of Your Gifts: UNCW Honor Roll of Donors" gratefully acknowledges the generous alumni and other donors who contributed to the university in 2004-05. The report is posted on the Division for University Advancement Web site at www.uncw.edu/uniadv. If you have any questions about "The Power of Your Gifts: UNCW Honor Roll of Donors," please contact Andrea Weaver, marketing and communications manager for the Division for University Advancement, at 910.962.7631.

Swain scholarship fund

benefits county employees' families

David and Diane Swain of Wilmington contributed $50,000 to UNCW to establish a scholarship fund to benefit the children and dependents of New Hanover County employees. They set up the fund to provide 100 scholarships in the amount of $500 each.

"We wanted to help as many kids as we could," said David Swain, owner of Swain & Associates, LLC. "We are happy to make a difference."

Swain, chair of the UNCW Board of Visitors, has actively supported the university for many years as a member of the Seahawk Club and the Board of Visitors. He also served on the search committee that brought Chancellor Rosemary DePaolo to the university. He devised the plan for the scholarship fund after working closely with many county employees during the past two years as his company and the county completed a real estate transaction.

"I really do have a deep love for the university and the students who are there," Swain said. "I decided I wanted to do something for the university and I wanted to do something for the county. I wanted to make it all work together."

Dear Alumni Friends,

2005-06 promises to be an exciting growth year for UNCW and its alumni. We have an enthusiastic board of directors full of talent and ideas and a new staff full of energy. One of our goals is to strengthen the ties between your active alumni board and all its constituents: alumni, students, parents, faculty and friends. Some upcoming events that you won't want to miss are Homecoming 2006 in January, dinner theaters in December and March, UNCW basketball at Georgia State in February, as well as alumni events in Denver and Chicago. Check our Web site – www.uncw.edu/alumni – regularly for events in your area.

We are also actively recruiting people for the UNCW Alumni Association Board of Directors and its volunteer committees. If you or an alumnus you know is passionate about UNCW and can give three to five hours of volunteer time and energy each month to continue our great alumni traditions and help to plan our future growth, check out the online application form at www.uncw.edu/alumni/documents/bodapplication.pdf.

For the eighth consecutive year, the University of North Carolina Wilmington has ranked as one of the top 10 public comprehensive universities in the South in annual college rankings by *U.S.News & World Report*. This is a tremendous accomplishment for our alma mater. It is the result of great leadership and hard work of everyone involved: faculty, staff, administration, students, alumni, donors and friends of UNCW. As alumni, these accomplishments make our degrees even more valuable. It makes me proud to be a Seahawk!

With Seahawk pride and spirit!

Donis Noe Smith '86, '94M

Chair, UNCW Alumni Association

Alumni membership builds a greater university

One of the most vital resources of UNCW is our growing body of Seahawk alumni. Keeping in touch as a member of the alumni association benefits both your alma mater and yourself.

In addition to receiving alumni publications – *UNCW Magazine*, the *Seahawk Spotlight* and departmental, college and school newsletters – alumni association members keep connected to other graduates, receive information on university achievements, academic and scholarship advancements, athletic events and alumni news and events.

To ease the transition from student to alumnus, the alumni association keeps recent graduates connected to each other and other alumni by providing a discounted first years membership and a variety of special benefits at the Seahawk Salute.

Graduate members receive mailings and e-mail messages with information about alumni chapter events, alumni career networking, alumni travel benefits and student loan consolidation assistance. Other membership benefits include: Seahawk license plate program, career services access, discounted movie tickets, and many more.

Membership enhances the annual alumni awards program, recognizing outstanding alumni and friends for extraordinary professional and personal achievements. It has helped establish and maintain almost $200,000 in student scholarship assistance for undergraduate and graduate students over the past decade. It fuels efforts to engage underrepresented alumni populations, to promote numerous lifelong learning opportunities and to support a variety of career networking activities.

Through the alumni association's Web site - www.uncw.edu/alumni - alumni and friends can update their information and share their accomplishments, weddings and births with fellow classmates. The Web site also includes an events calendar, class notes and contributor benefits. In the future, the site will offer a searchable online alumni database, individual chapter sites and a permanent alumni e-mail address.

2005 UNC WILMINGTON ALUMNI BOARD OF DIRECTORS

The UNCW Alumni Association Board of Directors is open to active alumni who make annual contributions to UNCW, are willing to attend alumni events and meetings and support a variety of special projects to benefit alumni and students. Chapter representatives are also needed. For more information contact the alumni office at 910.962.2682; resumes can be faxed to 910.962.2685.

by Todd Olesiuk '99

Increasingly, alumni are encouraged to expand their involvement in the university, as well as their communities. One of the best ways for the association to engage alumni is through its chapters. Currently, nine alumni chapters and 10 affiliate chapters offer alumni across the nation the opportunity to network, socialize and serve the university and the communities in which they live.

Seahawks flocking to men's basketball pregame events are the perfect venue for alumni and friends to rally, socialize and support their alma mater.

The alumni association sustains and partners with a wide range of student programs through membership support. Student Ambassadors provide leadership to past, present and future students. They serve the university and the community with their "adopt-a-highway" program and assist with scholarship funding with their annual Oozeball event. The Alumni Student Connection is a group of alumni who provide time and advice for those in need of assistance.

Anyway you look at it, membership provides the support necessary to advance the university, enhance the quality of student life, and keep alumni and friends connected with UNCW.

Todd Olesiuk '99 is assistant director of alumni relations.

Updates needed for directory

A new directory is in the works for UNCW alumni.

Alumni will be receiving surveys via regular mail and e-mail and are asked to complete and return them as quickly as possible. The information submitted will be published next year in a new alumni directory (available in print and on CD).

As part of this project, UNCW will add an online community to the alumni association Web site where alumni will be able to post photos and class notes. Each individual will be able to determine how much information is shared with others within the community.

For more information about the directory and the online community, please contact the Office of Alumni Relations at 910.962.2682, toll-free at 800.596.2880 or via e-mail at alumni@uncw.edu.

AAGA

Chapter leader Gia Todd Long '91 started discussions for fall Senior Sankofa, city-to-city socials and Homecoming 2006 at the summer meeting of the African American Graduate Association. As Senior Sankofa continues to grow, the chapter is considering having the ceremony at Airlie Gardens. The chapter is also interested in having a Homecoming package that includes tickets to the men's basketball game on Jan. 28 against Northeastern University. More information on all of these events is available at www.uncw.edu/alumni/events-calendar.com.

Contact: Gia Todd Long '91 at 910.799.9046 or longg@uncw.edu

Atlanta

A group of Seahawks met Aug. 13 at Turner Field for the third annual Atlanta Braves baseball game gathering. Alumni association members watched the Braves defeat the Arizona Diamondbacks by a final score of 9 to 5. Chapter leader Laura Medlin '93 was excited to meet new alumni living in the Atlanta metro area and was able to promote future events including the Feb. 11 men's basketball game against Georgia State University. A group of Seahawks will be traveling from Wilmington by bus to attend a pregame social and watch the Seahawks soar in Georgia. Invitations, ticket prices and additional information will be available soon.

Contact: Laura Medlin '93 at lmedlin@mfllaw.com

Charlotte

The Charlotte Chapter held its first social in over a year, and Seahawks gathered in support. A vivacious crowd of about 35 alumni gathered Aug. 15 at "uptown's" Rock Bottom. Chapter leader Meredith Spencer '99 greeted everyone and promoted the importance of the UNCW Charlotte presence. She is very motivated to engage new members and give back on behalf of UNCW. She is accepting ideas for upcoming events which include: Charlotte Checkers, Bobcats and Panthers games, Habitat for Humanity and other community service projects.

Contact: Meredith Spencer '99 at 704.393.2425 or merespencer@yahoo.com

Cameron School of Business

The Cameron School of Business Alumni Chapter met July 23 at Wise Alumni House. Chapter leader Melissa Blackburn-Walton '86 welcomed new members and Dean Larry Clark as plans for the annual CSB fall picnic were completed. Scheduled for Oct. 8 as part of the first Alumni Weekend, the picnic was canceled because of inclement weather.

Contact: Melissa Blackburn-Walton '87 at 910.612.3741 or mmwalton@ec.rr.com

Cape Fear

The Cape Fear Chapter held the first of two summer socials June 17 at the King Neptune Restaurant, Wrightsville Beach. Guests included the chapter leaders for ECU's Cape Fear Alumni Chapter. Plans were discussed to host joint pregame socials in conjunction with upcoming athletic events. The second social was held Aug. 27 at Blue Water Grill where approximately 50 Seahawks enjoyed the intracoastal waterway view. Chapter leader Kristen "Doc" Dunn '97 promoted the 12th annual Cape Fear Golf Classic. Originally slated for Oct. 7, the tournament was postponed because of inclement weather and rescheduled for Nov. 7 at Echo Farms Country Club. "I am very excited about the future of our chapter," she said.

Contact: Kristen "Doc" Dunn '97 at 910.297.0752 or doc@ec.rr.com

Communication Studies

New chapter leader Bryan Sartin '98 is excited to get the Communication Studies Chapter back in action. He has met with communication studies chair Frank Trimble to discuss alumni involvement and support of upcoming events such as Communication Studies Day 2006.

Contact: Bryan Sartin '98 at 910.395.1100, ext. 11 or bsartin@bsamail.org

Crew Club

Crew Club leader Curt Browder '92 is planning a gathering in Wilmington in the spring. The event will include a row and a social for alumni and current crew club members.

Contact: Curt Browder '92 at william.browder@ace-ina.com

Florida

A group of 15 Seahawks gathered for a social in June at the Ugly Tuna Saloona in Ft. Lauderdale, Fla. Alumni, ranging from a 2004 graduate to a Wilmington College graduate, came together to exchange stories, make new friends and learn more about UNCW's soaring reputation. Plans for springtime events are currently in process for both north and south Florida.

Contact: Alumni relations at 800.596.2880 or alumni@uncw.edu

Triangle

The Triangle Chapter's monthly social at the Carolina Ale House has been a great gathering to plan future events, network and socialize. Chapter leader Steve Hailey '92 is encouraged about the growth of the chapter. "We have over 6,000 Seahawks in the Triangle area, and I encourage each of them to reach out and give back to the community through the university and through the Triangle chapter," he said.

Chapter members showed their Seahawk pride and teamwork by participating in a Habitat for Humanity project Oct. 8. A dozen Seahawk alumni showed off their "building" skills and helped a local family in need. Pleased with the turnout for the event, chapter member Mike Crocker '92 said, "I was very happy to see our local Seahawks come together and give back to the community."

The chapter plans to have a spring golf tournament and will organize a committee at its Dec. 13 social at Carolina Ale House.

Contact: Steve Hailey '97 at 910.785.2540 or steven.hailey@ubs.com

Triad

Triad Chapter reunites! Alumni from the Triad area gathered for an evening of fun Aug. 16 for the first time in over a year. A group

Photo by Jamie Moncrief

Carletha Rollinson Blanding

of about 25 met at the NASCAR Café and planned future events which included networking and community involvement.

Contact: Alumni relations at 800.596.2880 or alumni@uncw.edu

Richmond

Richmond Alumni Chapter leader Sam Mintz '02 is planning the March Madness CAA Tournament agenda. The chapter will sponsor the first-round pregame social the weekend of March 3 and anticipates the biggest turnout ever

Contact: Sam Mintz '02 at 804.782.8847 or smintz@scottstringfellow.com

Watson School of Education

Janis Norris '81 is excited to lead the Watson School of Education Alumni Chapter. The chapter met Sept. 19 in the WSE Alumni Lounge. Wendy Miller, North Carolina Teacher of the Year, was guest speaker at a Sept. 27 gathering of alumni and students.

Contact: Janis Norris '81 at 910.509.9608 or fjnorris@earthlink.net

Wilmington College

The Wilmington College Chapter meets at Jackson's Big Oak Barbeque at 11:30 a.m. the third Wednesday of each month. Chapter leader Jim Medlin '52 encourages all Wilmington College graduates to join the group.

Wilmington College members held a reunion at the inaugural Fall Alumni Weekend on Oct. 8. A luncheon was held at the Warwick Center Ballroom where a perpetual plaque for the Hoggard Medal for Achievement Award was presented. This plaque includes the previous 49 recipients of this award.

Contact: Jim Medlin '52 at 910.791.5259

Give back to UNCW

The Alumni Relations Office is looking for alumni to join in on the fun of being a chapter leader. Giving back to your community and your alma mater has never been more important! Contact the Alumni Relations Office at 800.596.2880 or alumni@uncw.edu

Leadership is needed for the following chapters: Charleston, Earth Sciences, Greenville, Nursing, New York/New Jersey, Tennessee, Triad and Washington, D.C.

A Second Chance:

How university officials and faculty helped a committed student turn misfortune to academic success

by Mimi Cunningham

Carletha Rollinson Blanding believed that her sophomore year at the University of North Carolina Wilmington would be her last.

In 2000, her parents' company had gone bankrupt and she had no money to pay tuition. She had just married and was expecting a child. The student accounts office could not offer her any money to continue school and was asking for payment for past tuition.

Five years later, Blanding left UNCW with an M.A. in biology to pursue a career in biotechnology. The 25-year-old credits personal interest taken by committed UNCW faculty and staff members and the support of her husband with allowing her to push through the difficulties and achieve her dreams.

An indifferent student in high school, Blanding entered UNCW in 1998 through the summer bridge program, a program that prepares young people for the rigors of university life.

"Thank God, I was given the opportunity," said Blanding.

The transition from high school to college mirrored a transformation in Blanding. She discovered she had the ability to become a good student. Following an interest in biology nurtured by a ninth grade teacher, she entered the biology program and excelled.

"I have an inquisitive nature… I want to know why things are the way they are. What better way than biology?" she said.

Then came sophomore year. Without the money to pay for classes and unable to work because of her new daughter, Blanding's dreams for the future narrowed. Instead of a degree, she realized that her only option was to just "get a job."

Still, she did not give up. She contacted then-Chancellor James Leutze and pled her case. He took an interest and, through his and other faculty members' efforts, arranged for her to establish a payment plan and find other funding.

Juggling the time needed for undergraduate work and raising her new daughter proved difficult for Blanding. It was during this period that her husband, Jeff, stepped up and provided the support she needed to continue her education.

"I couldn't have done it without my husband. It would have been impossible," she said.

Her advisor, Ann E. Stapleton, also took a personal interest in Blanding. She began working with Stapleton's lab in the spring of 2002 and the professor urged her to pursue an internship at NC State University. The internship paired Blanding with a mentor, paid a stipend and allowed her to do direct work on genetics. As she worked, her husband stayed home caring for their daughter.

"He was the reason I was able to do this," she said.

Blanding graduated in December 2002 and the next August she entered the graduate program. Again Stapleton challenged her, encouraging her to apply and be accepted to present at conferences and workshops in Mexico City and Tucson, Ariz.

"Carletha is one of those rare students who really wants to learn, and who listens to advice and instructions and then follows through perfectly," said Stapleton.

She completed her thesis in May, graduated this summer, and began working as a biostatistics programmer at PPD in Wilmington on Oct. 24.

Blanding believes that faith, persistence and perseverance are the keys to achieving one's goals. "Once you set your mind to something, people tell you that over and over again and still people don't believe it, that's it," she said.

Mimi Cunningham is assistant to the chancellor for university relations.

1950s

Shirley Pierce '55 received the UNC Greensboro Adelaide F. Holderness/H. Michael Weaver Award for distinguished public service.

Henson Barnes '58 was inducted into the North Carolina Bar Association's Hall of Fame in June. Henson's legal career spanned from 1961-1997, including serving in the N.C. General Assembly from 1974 to1976 and the N.C. Senate from 1976 to 1992.

1960s

Steve Culbreth '63 was inducted into the North Carolina Bar Association's Hall of Fame in June. Steve served as the president of the 5th Judicial District Bar in 1979-1980 and represented the district at the State Bar as councilor from 1990 to 1998. He is also a founding board member of Legal Aid of Southeastern North Carolina.

Myra Blake Burt '66, after 31 years of teaching, is selling Doncaster & Elana clothing, spending time with her grandchildren, volunteering at her church and traveling. She resides in Wilmington.

Jim Bird '68 was promoted to senior simulation consultant for Siemens Logistics and Automation in Caledonia, Mich. He has also co-authored *Aliens, The Other White Meat*. Information on the book can be found at www.thresherpub.com.

Linda Hayes '69 retired from the Charlotte-Mecklenburg school system after teaching grades K-3 for over 35 years.

1970s

Richard Powell '74 is enrolled in the Master of Divinity program at the Austin Presbyterian Theological Seminary.

Ellen Broaddrick Gould '76 retired from Stovall Shaw Elementary School in Granville County School System and now works with the Farm Bureau.

Vicki Smith Hayes '76 is the principal of Carolina Beach School which was 2005 Honors School of Excellence

Deborah Rose '76 retired from the Onslow County Schools after 29 years of teaching.

Lynne Palmer Pridgen '77 was named James Sprunt Community College Employee of the Quarter for October-December 2004

Billy Martin '78 is head men's basketball coach at R.J. Reynolds High School in Winston Salem.

Patricio Morillo '78 is vice president for international banking and foreign exchange risk manager with the Bankers Bank of Atlanta in Winston-Salem.

Wayne Steele '78 of Charlotte is a realtor with Allen Tate Realtors. He had served as statistician for the UNCW men's and women's basketball teams for over 30 years.

Greta Anita Lint '79, owner of Greta Anita Lint Tourism Writing & Consultation Services, was named a "Mover and Shaker of the Triad" in *Bizlife Magazine* for June 2005.

1980s

George Barnes '82 is the new site vice president for the Hope Creek Nuclear Power Plant in Hancocks Bridge, N.J.

Terry Cascaddan '82 is included in the 2006-07 edition of the National Register's "Who's Who in Executives and Professionals." A professional sales representative with Reliant Pharmaceuticals in Wilmington, Terry is a three-time winner of the President's Club Award, representing the top 5 percent of sales producers.

A senior sales consultant with Novartis Pharmaceuticals, **Joseph Irrera** '83 is a colonel with the U.S. Marine Corps Reserve.

Suzanne Cooey Murray '84 was honored as Outstanding Educator at the South Carolina Technical Education Association annual conference.

JoAnne Baker '84 is principal of Rocky Run Elementary in Fredericksburg, Va.

Kim Vajta Murphy '84 of Vienna, Va., has co-authored a book titled *The Best Friends' Guide to Getting Fit* and is launching an online health and fitness site – www.connectmovetransfer.com. She is the proprietor of ah-spire, a fitness business.

Bonnie Council Hodge '85 is head varsity softball coach at Apex High School. The team is 34-8 under her leadership and competed in the state playoffs. She and **Kyle Hodge** '85 reside in Apex with their two daughters.

Robert Mazur '85 earned a master's degree in sports administration from UNC Pembroke and is the general services manager for Bladen County

Sylvia Seal '85 is a sales associate at Bob Evans Realty in the Outer Banks.

Paul Barnes '87 was elected chairman of the board for the Northwest North Carolina Chapter of the American Red Cross in April 2005. He is vice president of quality and leadership development at BB&T

Co-founder of The Road Less Traveled Theatre Company, **Mitchell Butts** '87 directed the musical *Annie* this spring at the Lenoir Community College.

David Byrd '87 is regional executive for the Boone area with the Blue Ridge Savings Bank in Asheville.

William van der Meulen '87 was selected by his peers as the recipient of the 2005-2006 Nash Community College Staff Award which recognizes excellent performance or commitment to the community college mission by a non-teaching staff member. Wil is an outreach coordinator.

Mary Cowand Barnhill '88 was promoted to research coordination manager of late stage trials for PPD in Wilmington. **Jeffery Barnhill** '95 is a senior investigator with the N.C. Department of Labor.

Patrick Jacobs '88 is the principal of Smithfield-Selma High School.

James Merritt '89 is the senior group leader of medicinal chemistry at Pharmacopeia Drug Discovery Inc. in Cranbury, N.J. His research focus is on the design of anti-inflammatory drugs.

1990s

Photo contributed

Cox

Jamie Cox '90 has been named to the board of directors of The Morton Center in Louisville, Ky., a private, non-profit, outpatient counseling facility for the treatment of alcoholism and other chemical dependencies. Jamie is also an attorney with Sitles & Harbison, PLLC.

Steven Freeman '90 was guest evangelist at the Coats Baptist Church's revival in April in Dunn.

Ronda Hall Hatcher '90 of Ocean Isle completed the M.S.A. program at UNC Pembroke in 2004 and the National Boards for World Languages in March 2005. She teaches Spanish in the Brunswick County school system.

Wendy Fulford Lee '90 earned a Master of Science degree in nursing from Duke University. She is a nurse manager at the neurosurgery unit at Craven Regional Medical Center in New Bern.

Stephen Mallard '90 is head football coach at Clinton High School.

Yaroslaw Foltyn '91, a former UNCW men's swimming standout, created a community swimming group that was featured in the June 18, 2005, issue of the *Atlanta Journal-Constitution*.

Brian Rayfield '91 is national sales manager for J&J produce in West Palm Beach.

David Scott '91 earned a Ph.D. in counseling from North Carolina State University.

Kane McKenzie '92 received a Master of Divinity degree from Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary in May 2005.

Cecil "Woody" Sutton '92, '02M received the Parks Todd Lifetime Achievement Award in Distance Learning at the N.C. Distance Learning Alliance annual conference.

Wesley Ward '92 honored for founding Agents of Grace three years ago while attending graduate school, battling Hodgkin's Disease, a hip replacement and partial paralysis of the right leg.

Rodney Warren '92 was admitted as a shareholder in the firm of Giles, Strickland and Associates.

Michael Arnold '93, '99M, research director for the N.C. Health and Wellness Trust Fund, was named policy director with Lt. Gov. Beverly Perdue's office.

Kenneth Bass '93 is an agent for the N.C. Farm Bureau Mutual Insurance Company in Moore County. He also represents Southern Farm Bureau and N.C. Blue Cross and Blue Shield.

Jeff Rivenbark '93 is assignment editor with CBS affiliate WBTV News 3 in Charlotte. He also teaches several journalism classes at UNC Charlotte.

Nate Dixon '94 is an assistant men's basketball coach at the University of Louisiana at Monroe.

Susan Aneskewich Gloss '94 is a real estate professional with Century 21 Sweyer and Associates in Hampstead.

Richard LaBelle, Jr. '94 is pursuing an M.B.A. in management from Strayer University. He is the liaison manager for Charter Communications Inc. in South Carolina.

Patricia Busby O'Shaughnessy '94 of New York, N.Y., works for Clear Channel Entertainment, where she is in charge of accounting for the Hilton Theatre, as well as the Canon Theatre in Toronto.

J. Mark Riggs '94 was inducted into the *Triangle Business Journal's* "40 Under 40 Business Leadership Hall of Fame" and won the *PR News* National Multicultural Marketing Campaign of the Year Award. He is group account director with French | West | Vaughn in Raleigh.

William Cauley '95 is principal of Pender High School.

Karen Dougherty '95 was honored as the 2005 Middle School Science Teacher of the Year for the Georgia Science Teachers Association's District X. She teaches at St. Mary's Middle School in St. Mary's, Ga

Jennifer Baughan Mertus '95 of Huntington Beach, Calif., is a full-time faculty member in the Legal Writing Department at the Whittier College School of Law. She volunteers as a staff attorney in the school's pro bono Children's Rights Clinic.

Robert Rideout, Jr. '95 was appointed a deputy commissioner of the N.C. Industrial Commission. He is an assistant district attorney for North Carolina's 7th Prosecutorial District (Tarboro). **Stacey Rideout** '96 graduated in May 2005 from East Carolina University with a Master of Arts degree in English.

La'Tuan Danns '96 is the community relations representative for the New Bern Big Brothers/Big Sisters of Eastern North Carolina. Her acting career and personal story were featured in the June 20, issue of the *New Bern Sun Journal*.

Jeff Moore '96 of Pleasanton, Calif., was appointed emergency response team manager for Chevron Corporation's Public and Government Affairs Department.

Christopher Skinner '96 spent three months traveling and studying in Florianopolis, Brazil, and Cordoba, Argentina. He is relocating to Wilmington from California.

Dorothy Thomas '96 is town manager for Chadbourn.

Richard Verrone '96 co-authored the book *Voices from Vietnam: Eye-witness Accounts of the War, 1954-1975*. Assistant archivist at Texas Tech University and director of the oral history project, The Vietnam Archive, he was elected president of the Texas Tech University Staff Senate for 2005-06.

Chris Williams '96 is a financial services manager with First Citizens Bank in Durham.

Photo contributed

Williams

Matthew Causey '97 graduated from the UNC School of Dentistry in 2005 and is in private practice in Graham.

Wendy Highland '97 has started a triathlon training team for women. Since 2003, she has helped over 50 women complete their first triathlon.

Holly Minges '97 attended the Center for Advanced Therapeutics in Denver, Colo., and practices massage therapy.

Jennifer Ross Shuttlesworth '97 of League City, Texas, earned a Doctor of Medicine degree from the University of Texas Medical Branch in Galveston, Texas in June 2005 where she is completing her residency in the Department of Pathology.

Jennifer Wilkins '97, '04M, proprietor of Best Buddies – a dog walking, pet sitting and pet taxi service – was featured in the Careers section of the May 29, *Wilmington Star-News*.

Mark Byington '98 is an assistant men's basketball coach at Eastern Kentucky University.

Chase Hodges '98 is the head men's tennis coach at Drake University.

Jason Howard '98 was named Realtor of the Week by the *Island Gazette* in Carolina Beach in April. He is a sales associate with Laney Real Estate.

Philip Jackson '98 is an independent realtor specializing in residential home sales in the Charlotte area.

Lesia Wheeler McKenzie '98 was promoted to a business banker with First Citizens Bank in Wendell. She is a member of the Wendell Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors and secretary of the Kiwanis Club of Knightdale.

Theodore Mullins '98 is assistant principal at Carolina Beach Elementary School.

Wesley Storms '98 is a captain for Continental Express Airlines, based in Newark, N.J.

Harden Barker '99, '05M teaches at Cape Fear Center for Inquiry.

Josh Bonifay '99 was selected to appear in his first Eastern League All-Star Game with the Altoona Curve of Altoona, Pa.

Michele Cosgrove '99 received her Juris Doctorate from UNC Chapel Hill in May 2005.

Teresa Anderson Moore '99 received a Master's of Science in Administration degree from East Carolina University in May.

Walter Shaw '99 coached the Brunswick Community College men's basketball team to a Region 10 conference championship.

2000s

Staci Atkins '00 was promoted to assistant president of BB&T in Winston-Salem.

Katie Dozier Barakat '00 graduated from the Master of Fine Arts program at the University of Miami and received the Fiction Graduate Student of the Year award in May. She teaches writing at Miami Dade College and the Florida Council for Literary Arts.

Jennifer Check '00 is in her third year at the UNC Chapel Hill School of Medicine.

Wade Reaves '00 was promoted to captain in the U.S. Marine Corps. He serves with the 2nd Marine Division in Iraq.

Chrystal Burroughs '01 is a forensic toxicologist for the National Laboratory Certification Program at Research Triangle Institute International.

Caroline Diekerson '01 is a social worker at Autumn Care of Myrtle Grove in Wilmington.

Kevin Hager '01 was promoted to assistant vice president and manager at the Wallace branch of First Bank.

Anthony Johnson '01 is a management trainee with 84 Lumber in Wilmington.

Lee Keenen '01 received a Doctor of Podiatric Medicine from the Temple University School of Podiatric Medicine, where he was a member of the Stirling Harford Honorary Anatomical Society.

Photo contributed

Keenen

Laura Wall Lanier '01 is a registered nurse coordinator with New Hanover Regional Medical Center's Coastal Rehabilitation Hospital.

Jessica Maher '01 of Washington, D.C., is Sen. Russ Feingold's energy and environment legislative assistant.

Michelle Ottey '01 is enrolled in the School of Pharmacy at UNC Chapel Hill.

Emily Sansone '01 received a Doctor of Pharmacy degree from Campbell University in May.

Nicholas Swartz '01 is a doctoral candidate in public policy at UNC Charlotte, where he is also an adjunct faculty member in the political science department.

Kylie Tuten '01 is an early intervention service coordinator with the Children's Developmental Services Agency in Plymouth.

James Buie '02 is district manager with NCNG in Tarboro.

Daniel Faill '02 earned a master's degree in educational administration and leadership with a specialization in student affairs from University of the Pacific where he is coordinator of alumni relations.

Jonathon Glazebrook '02 graduated cum laude from the University of the Pacific's communication master's program in May 2005. He resides in San Francisco.

Holly Hill '02 is a sales representative in the Mid-Atlantic region with ECR Pharmaceuticals.

Naomi Kazmar '02 is a labor and delivery nurse at University of California San Diego, California Hillcrest Medical Center.

Matthew Leonard '02 of Fishers, Ind., is the director of chapter services for Delta Tau Delta Fraternity and is pursuing an M.B.A. at Butler University.

Camille Morgan '02 is the campus visitation coordinator for the UNCW Office of Undergraduate Admissions. She also advises the UNCW Student Ambassadors.

As a student in the Master of Public Administration degree program at UNCW, **Chris Rogers '02** led the effort to relocate the three-masted schooner *Mary E. Morris* to a permanent exhibit site on Oak Island. The ship sank Oct. 13, 1893, in route to Philadelphia.

Matthew Currin '03 is a controller with Cape Fear Farm Credit in Lillington.

Jennifer Malcolm '03 is an executive assistant to both the executive vice president of business operations/chief financial officer and the senior vice president of legal and business affairs with the NBA franchise Charlotte Bobcats.

Kristy Misenheimer '03 is a customer service representative with Crescent Bank in Myrtle Beach, S.C.

Ashley Pagliughi '03 is a real estate professional with Century 21 Sweyer & Associates in Wilmington.

Jamie Townsend '03 of Apex is a career financial analyst with IBM's Personal Systems Group in Research Triangle Park.

Jennifer Baker '04 is a commercial lender with BB&T in Washington, D.C.

An editor with WECT-TV6, **Allison Biggar '04** is also a freelance photographer, videographer and editor in Wilmington.

Jennifer Brett '04 is a productions coordinator with the Wilmington Regional Film Commission.

Derek Brown '04 qualified for the U.S. Open at Pinehurst No. 2, becoming the first Seahawk and the only North Carolinian to appear in the event. He finished at 9 over par.

Kimberly Inman '04 graduated from the Raleigh Police Academy in April.

Blair Knox '04M is town manager for Mount Pilot.

Daniel Marks '04 of Wilmington is the assistant director for transfer admissions in UNCW's Office of Undergraduate Admissions.

Christopher Payne '04 was nominated for the Jack Kent Cooke Foundation Graduate Scholarship and is enrolled at the California Institute of the Arts.

Samantha Sanderlin '04 of Aydlett is the owner Currituck Sports Inc.

Deborah Brown '05 teaches at North Brunswick High School.

Hunter Coore '05 was nominated for the Jack Kent Cooke Foundation Graduate Scholarship. He is enrolled in medical school at East Carolina University.

Jessica Dickens '05 works with Verizon Wireless in Wilmington.

Kacey Gaumer '05 wrote a play that was performed in August at the Fringe Theatre Festival in Edinburgh, Scotland. Kacey is a reporter at WECT-TV 6.

Erin Kirby '05 works in the Neurosurgical Intensive Care Unit at Duke University Medical Center. She plans to pursue a career as a certified registered nurse anesthetist.

Emily Rea '05 has a marketing position with Wilmington Media's Ad Pak. She also writes for *Encore* and *Restaurant Savvy* magazines.

Ruth Seeley '05 was promoted to executive trainee at Ruder Finn's Planned TV Arts division in July. She resides in Washington, D.C.

Demetrius Sidberry '05 was named a first-year analyst for UBS investment banking in New York City.

Kristie Simmons '05 is a registered nurse in the Department of Labor and Delivery at Presbyterian Hospital in Charlotte.

Steven Whitley '05 was inducted into the Phi Alpha Theta history honor society. He is a data export supervisor for Castle Branch Inc. in Wilmington.

Weddings

Julia Humphrey '87 and George Lucas IV on April 1, 2005. Julia is employed by Myrtle Beach Communications. The couple resides in North Myrtle Beach, S.C.

Courtney Wedemann '91 and Ray Silverthorne Jr. on April 2, 2005.

Becky Astin '92 and **Danny Morganelli '91** on April 17, 2005. Becky works at the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency in Research Triangle Park, and Danny is a freelance photographer.

Melinda Cashwell '93 and Douglas Bullard on May 7, 2005.

Sophia Saffo '93 and Nevin Brewer Jr. on June 11, 2005.

Brian Baucom '95 and Elizabeth Garrett on April 30, 2005.

Anne Doar '95 and Richard Williams on March 26, 2005.

Leslie Finch '96 and **Bryan Smith '97** on May 7, 2005.

Tara Lilley '96 and Dean Setner on March 10, 2005.

Greg Wahl '96 and Stephanie Trimble on April 22, 2005. Greg is an environmental specialist II with Sarasota County's Environmental Services Business Center Integrated Water Resources.

Elizabeth Potter '97 and Gregory Evans on May 21, 2005.

Pamela Sanderson '97 and **Wesley Hinson '94** on July 16, 2005. Pam is a literacy teacher at Penny Road Elementary School in Cary, and Wes is a manager for Eye Care Associates in Cary. The couple resides in Raleigh.

Michael Scott '97 and Lisa Fetterhoff on March 26, 2005.

Louis Murray '97 and Virginia Freeze on April 30, 2005.

Leslie Smith '97 and Stuart Fitts on April 30, 2005.

Nancy Underwood '97 and Brent Melton on May 21, 2005. Nancy is a law student at UNC Chapel Hill. The couple resides in Fayetteville.

Jake Wilburn '97 and Lorraine King on June 18, 2005. Jake is a hydrogeologist with Advanced Land and Water Inc. The couple resides in Harpers Ferry, W.Va.

Charles Broadfoot '98 and Amanda Patterson on June 25, 2004.

Kristen Bruner '98 and William McDonald on June 4, 2005.

Mindy Freedlander '98 and David Zajchowski on Feb. 26, 2005. Mindy earned a master's degree in human resources from Rollins College and is a senior human relations representative with Universal Orlando in Florida.

Paula Kesler '98 and James Lewis on April 9, 2005.

Sarah Masaschi '98 and Daniel Zistler on May 27, 2005. Sarah is a study manager for CTI-Clinical Trial Consulting Services. The couple resides in Cincinnati, Ohio.

Monica Motahari '98 and Matthew Kinton on Feb. 5, 2005.

Tracy Nazarchyk '98, '00M and **Eric Pagnozzi '99** on May 7, 2005. Tracy is a medical writer at PPD in Wilmington, and Eric is an applications analyst at UNCW.

Angela Odom '98 and William Pleasants on April 9, 2005.

Mary Toler '98 and Conrad Caldwell on April 23, 2005.

Andrea Aitken-Sprague '99 and **Chad Corbin '00** on April 9, 2005. Andrea is a fourth grade teacher with Duval County Schools, and Chad is a financial controller with Ferguson Enterprises. The couple resides in Jacksonville, Fla.

Seth Mabe '99 and Theresa Bohannon on May 21, 2005. Seth is a quality technologist with R.J. Reynolds Tobacco. The couple resides in Kernersville.

Sandi Hooper '99, '00M and Josh McDowell on May 14, 2005. Sandi is a senior IT auditor for Ernst & Young. The couple resides in Graham.

Bonnie Stanley '99 and Andrew Verzella on April 23, 2005.

Teresa Styron '99 and Patrick Giddeons on April 9, 2005.

Mackenzie Underwood '99 and **Charles Stack '99** on April 23, 2005.

Weslee Alford '00 and Jeffrey Billiter on April 30, 2005.

Janiee Campbell '00 and **Zach Warren '00** on Oct. 23, 2004. Zach is a systems analyst with IBM. The couple resides in Wilmington.

Molly Connell '00 and **William Scarborough '00** on April 9, 2005. Molly is a science teacher with West Warwick Public Schools, and William works with Fidelity Investments. The couple resides in Riverside, R.I.

Taylor Cromartie '00 and Stephen Baloga Jr. on April 2, 2005.

Dwight Ennis '00 and Jana Orengia on March 12, 2005.

Todd Headley '00 and Mary Gamarra on April 16, 2005. Todd is a sales rep with Aesculap Inc. The couple resides in Dallas, Texas.

Sandi Hooper '00 and Josh McDowell on May 14, 2005. Sandi is an IT auditor with Ernst & Young. The couple resides in Graham.

Rachel Hurst '00 and R. Sean Hensler on June 4, 2005. The couple resides in Wilmington.

Traci Jones '00 and **Mark Rottman '99** on March 26, 2005.

Kristie Lieseke '00, '03M and Joseph Willoughby on May 14, 2005. Kristie is an associate scientist with aaiPharma. The couple resides in Wilmington.

Paul Mannino '00 and Mary Kate Westfall on May 14, 2005. Paul is the director of the high school ministry at Port City Community Church. The couple resides in Wilmington.

Jodie Sides '00 and Jason Cross on May 5, 2005.

Kate Boyce '01 and Jeffrey Tayloe on March 6, 2005.

Melissa Rivenbark '01M and Douglas Biggs on June 4, 2005. Melissa is employed with Fidelity National Financial. The couple resides in Atlanta.

Randy Swicegood '01 and Kristen Lee on May 14, 2005.

Jennifer Thompson '00 and Sean Price on May 14, 2005.

Jacqueline "Danielle" Bridgers '01 and Tony Banks on June 11, 2005. Danielle is a teacher with Carteret County Schools. The couple resides in Cove City.

Tracy Bryant '01 and Dr. Tracy Ray on Jan. 22, 2005.

Kelli Chambers '01 and Robert Fankboner on April 2, 2005. Kelli is a pharmaceutical sales representative with First Horizon Pharmaceutical Corporation. The couple resides in Wilmington.

Savannah Hughes '01 and Steve McMurray on Dec. 29, 2004. Savannah works in the student affairs office at Gallaudet University in Washington, D.C.

John Hunter '01, '05 and Alexis Mitchell on May 7, 2005.

Jody Lamberto '01 and Jason Smith on April 16, 2005. Jody is a marine biotechnology program assistant at UNCW's Center for Marine Science. The couple resides in Carolina Beach.

Bradley Merritt '01 and Amy Davis on May 14, 2005.

Amanda Myres '01 and Andrew Sullivan Jr. on March 6, 2004 in Sanford, North Carolina.

Christopher Peterman '01 and Kelly Speer on May 28, 2005.

Trent Wainscott '01 and Leslie Gainey on April 20, 2005.

Melissa Andersen '02 and Jeffrey Speight Jr. on May 7, 2005.

Lauren Craven '02 and Chad Mendenhall on April 23, 2005. Lauren is the department financial manager for the Wake Forest University School of Medicine. The couple resides in High Point.

Amanda Daniels '02 and Michael Milliken Jr. on April 23, 2005. The couple resides in Wilmington.

Lauren Ann Hahn '02 and **Craig Callahan '03** on June 25, 2005. The couple resides in Palm Coast, Fla.

Photo contributed

Mr. and Mrs. Callahan

Lara Hanes '02 and **Nathan Joseph '02** on June 18, 2005. Nathan is employed by Cavanaugh and Associates in Winston-Salem. The couple resides in Pfafftown.

Krista Hardison '02 and Shawn Smith on March 25, 2005. Krista is a district sales and training specialist for General Electric. The couple resides in Richmond, Va.

Leslie Ingram '02 and Todd Miller on Dec. 18, 2004. Leslie is the owner of Tippy Toes Dance Studio in Princeton.

Alicia Moore '02 and **Patrick Massey '03** on June 11, 2005.

Kimberly Parrish '02 and **John Mauser '02** on June 4, 2005. Kimberly is a teacher with Onslow County Schools, and John is an aquarist with the North Carolina Aquarium. The couple resides in Hubert.

Jennifer Tyndall '02 and Noah Jackson on April 2, 2005.

Shannon Willis '02 and Craig Mann on June 4, 2005.

Jessica Atwell '03 and Lelin Perez on April 16, 2005.

Lacey Ballas '03 and **Aaron Ross '00** on June 25, 2005. Aaron attends Pikeville College School of Osteopathic Medicine, and Lacey works at Little Blessings Pre-School. They reside in Pikeville, Ky.

Amanda Brown '03 and Nathaniel Moffitt on April 5, 2005.

Mary Chaffin '03 and Mark Brown on June 25, 2005. Mary is a second-year graduate teaching assistant in communications at NC State University.

Lyndsey Bland '03 and **Patrick Gunn '00, '05M** on Sept. 25, 2004. Patrick is an instructional designer with First Citizens Bank, and Lyndsey is a yearbook specialist/sales associate with Josten's Corporation. The couple resides in Clayton.

Constance Cumbee '03 and Zachery Moore on April 30, 2005.

Simon Gillespie '03 and Melissa Dickerson on April 23, 2005.

Katherine Keniry '03 and **Andrew Trammell '02** on June 4, 2005.

Anna McIntire '03 and Benjamin Clark on March 26, 2005. The couple resides in Wrightsville Beach.

Christina Mosher '03 and Brandon Chfford on May 14, 2005.

Jordan Segraves '03 and Daniel Wiggins on May 7, 2005.

Patricia Slater '03 and Chad Reeves on May 28, 2005. She is a financial advisor in Jacksonville.

Heather Williams '03 and Norris Lanier on June 18, 2005. Heather earned a master's degree in social work from East Carolina University and is employed by LIFE Inc. The couple resides in Castle Hayne.

Jessica Young '03 and **Chad Williams '02** on March 26, 2005.

Cassidy Barksdale '04 and **Joshua McClain '04** on May 28, 2005.

Dawn Bordeaux '04 and Benjamin Strickland on June 25, 2005. Dawn is a history teacher at East Columbus High School. The couple resides in Delco.

Bonnie Jordan '04 and Jeff Skobel on May 14, 2005. Bonnie is the director of the Big Buddy Program with Family Services of the Lower Cape Fear. The couple resides in Wilmington.

David Richartz '04 and Crystal Blake on July 23, 2005. David is a police officer with the UNCW University Police.

Heather Sowers '04 and Patrick Mitchell on June 4, 2005.

Karen Joyner '04 and Kevin Bell on June 4, 2005.

Natalie Marshburn '04 and Brian Kelly on March 19, 2005.

Ashley Hartge '05 and **Daniel Rhodes '02** on June 4, 2005. Ashley is an elementary school teacher with Onslow County Schools, and Daniel is a high school media specialist with Pender County Schools.

Candace Lowman '05 and David Cox on Oct. 16, 2004. Candace Lowman is a fifth and sixth grade science teacher at Harris Chapel Christian Academy. The couple resides in Hickory.

Mary Weiland '05 and **Christian Cooper '03** on March 5, 2005.

Births

To **Amy Starling Zieverink '90** and her husband Brian, a son, William Robert, on March 7, 2005.

To **Leigh Anne Bourne Pope '93** and her husband Brian, a daughter, Lillian Ashley, on Dec. 18, 2004. Leigh Anne is a district manager for Chamberlin Edmonds.

To **Shasta McAllister Culbreth '93** and her husband Russell, twins Casey Brandon and Leah Ashley, on Jan. 6, 2005. Shasta is an associate director of admissions at Meredith College.

To **Wendy Huebner Locante '93** and her husband Craig, a daughter, Siena Pippa, on March 5, 2005. Wendy is pursuing a master's degree in education at Westminster College in Salt Lake City.

Photo contributed

Hall

To **Alison Chambers Hall '93** and her husband Trent, a daughter, Erin Elizabeth, on April 16, 2005. Alison is director of marketing operations for Salix Pharmaceuticals Inc. in Morrisville.

To **Timothy Otto '93** and his wife Catherine, a son, William Etheridge, on Jan. 19, 2005. Timothy is a financial advisor with Morgan Stanley in Raleigh.

To **Heather Connelly Rickley '93** and her husband Billy, a daughter, Cassidy, on Feb. 20, 2005. They reside in Waldwick, N.J.

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Olsen

To **Ron '94, '99M** and **Elizabeth "Lisa" Olsen '94, '05M**, a daughter, Skye Elizabeth, on April 18, 2005. Ron is employed by aaiPharma.

To **Katherine "Kitty" Avent Hudgins '95** and her husband William, a daughter, Katherine Braswell on Oct. 20, 2004. Kitty is quality assurance specialist with RBC Centura Bank.

To **Margaret Pope Miller '95** and her husband Christian, a son, Phillip Christian, on Jan. 10, 2005.

To **Jason '97 and Stephanie Wood Reich '96**, a son, Cooper Vaughn, Dec. 27, 2004. Jason is a partner/loan consultant for Davidson Mortgage Services in Lexington.

To **Mark Foxx '97** and his wife Katie, a son, Jason Andrew, on Feb. 23, 2005. Mark is a senior appraiser with Prestige Underwriting Inspections of Baltimore, Md.

To **Jay Sharpe '97, '98M** and his wife Elizabeth, twins, Ella Wood and Lucas Daniel, on May 16, 2005. Jay is a senior accountant with Thomas, Judy & Tucker, P.A. in Raleigh.

To **Heather Curley '98** and her husband Charles, twins, Mason George and Camden Armfield, on Dec. 7, 2004.

To **Stephanie Donaton Weber '98** and her husband Marc, a daughter, Mackenzie Layne, on May 13, 2005. Stephanie is a teacher in the Boulder, Colo., school district.

To **Eric S. '98** and **Lynn T. Kearney '98**, a son, Jacob Carson, on Feb. 24, 2005. Eric is a detective with the City of Wilson's Police Department, and Lynn is the TB coordinator for Wilson County.

To **Bryan Sartin '98** and his wife Erin, a daughter, Mary Delaney, on June 9, 2005. Bryan is the finance director for the Cape Fear Council.

Photo contributed

Sartin

To **Derek '99** and **Monica Cooper Ford '99**, a daughter, Emily Grace, on Oct. 26, 2004. Derek is a police officer with the City of Raleigh, and Monica is a registered nurse with Duke Medical Center.

To **Ailene Ganley Nash '99** and her husband Richard, a son, Brendan on March 25, 2005. Ailene coaches track and is a ninth grade science teacher at Granville Middle School in Granville, Ohio.

To **Brandy Baldwin '00**, a daughter. To **Maryanna Bostwick '00** and her husband William, a son, William Jackson, on Feb. 20, 2005. Maryanna is a fifth grade teacher with Carteret County Schools.

To **Chris '99** and **Brooke Bell Byers '00**, a daughter, Britain Elizabeth, on March 28, 2005. Chris is the owner of Off Stage Management, and Brooke is an executive assistant with EMI-CNG.

To **Jennifer Lee Choate '00** and her husband Robert, a son, Robert, on Nov. 17, 2004. Jennifer is a teacher with New Hanover County Schools.

To **David '00** and **Jennifer Owens '00 Durham**, a son, Samuel Elijah, on June 10, 2005. Jennifer is a certified ophthalmic assistant with Alamance Eye Center, and David is an associate pastor with First Baptist Church of Elon.

To **Jason '01** and **Karen Bent '02 Conklin**, a daughter, Caroline Grace, on March 2, 2005. Jason is employed by the Alamance-Burlington School System, and Karen is a registered nurse with UNC Healthcare.

To **John Kaiser '01** and his wife Allison, a daughter, Sasha Rose on March 6, 2005.

To **Marc '97 and Deanna Robinson '01 Turano**, a daughter, Madison Grayce on April 27, 2005. Deanna is a purchasing analyst with Caterpillar Inc.

To **Holly White Harrison '02** and her husband Chris, a son, Collin Hunter on Feb. 27, 2005. Holly is a teacher at Cape Fear Elementary.

To **Christa Mongero Townley '03** and her husband Scott, a son, Sean Douglas, on Nov. 13, 2004. Christa is classified member services director with N.C. Press Services.

Deaths

John Allen Jr. '67 of Clearwater, Fla. on May 8, 2005. He served in the Army National Guard and a reservist in the U.S. Army Special Forces Unit. He was the owner of Allen Starter Company.

Lt. Col. Ray Funderburk '72 of Wilmington on June 15, 2005. He was a retired serviceman with the U.S. Marine Corps, a teacher and a former New Hanover County Board of Education member.

Rev. Christopher Beaver '87 on June 26, 2005. He was minister of music at Providence Presbyterian Church on Hilton Head Island and a faculty member at the University of South Carolina Beaufort.

Casey Ferguson '01 of Cary on June 3, 2005.

Daniel D. Cameron, well-known businessman, community leader and university supporter, died July 2, 2005.

He had a major influence on the direction and growth of the University of North Carolina Wilmington, extending back to its days as Wilmington College. In 1983 the university named the School of Business in honor of the Cameron family, and in 1988 the 60,000-square-foot building was dedicated by Chancellor William H. Wagoner and the board of trustees to honor Dan and Bruce Cameron for their support of the university.

Cameron

In addition to being a major donor, Cameron served on the UNCW Foundation Board, the Cameron School of Business Advisory Board and was a member of the university's E.L. White Society which recognizes individuals who have made arrangements for planned gifts to UNCW.

He was co-chair of UNCW's successful $25 million comprehensive capital campaign "Charting the Currents of Change" which was launched in 1990. In 1994, the UNCW Alumni Association recognized him as the Citizen of the Year, which is the highest award the association gives to non-alumni.

"Dan Cameron personally made possible two distinguished professorships, along with the original Cameron Distinguished Professorship that allows the Cameron School of Business to attract and retain the very finest faculty," Larry Clark, dean of the Cameron School of Business, said. "Dan always showed great joy in hearing about the successes of our Cameron graduates. However, he would also ask 'Do they understand that they have a responsibility to give back to others?'"

Photo by Jamie Monchief

Tufanna Bradley '04M is surrounded by some of the participants in the after-schaal program at Girls Inc., which she oversees as executive directar. Pictured with her are Rashanna Thatch, Zakirya Brawn, Danisha Melvin-Beatty, Tamiera Daw, Karinah Bradley, Nakiya Parker, Aaliyah Macalpine, Robin Sheppard, Jardan Wamack and Jessica Kylea.

by Johanna Thatch-Briggs

As a young girl attending the Girls Club in Wilmington, Tufanna Bradley '04M never imagined she would one day return to serve as the executive director of the agency now known as Girls Inc. But fate has a way of directing one's path even when life seems to be taking an alternative route.

Thinking back on her life, the Alabama native recalled one of the most difficult hurdles she was determined to leap.

"As a low-income, custodial parent of two young children going through a bad divorce, I had the desire to go to graduate school but did not have the money," she remembered.

Bradley had already obtained a bachelor's degree in communications with a concentration in public relations from East Carolina University, but her quest for higher education did not cease.

Making a difference

by Mimi Cunningham and Emily Walsh '05

SHERIFF RON WORKS FOR A SAFER BRUNSWICK COUNTY

Change is the driving force for Brunswick County's chief law enforcement officer, Sheriff Ronald E. Hewett '85, who joined the department in 1983 after a drug-running scandal made the county the laughing stock of the state.

Elected sheriff in 1994, and re-elected in 1998 and 2002, Hewett has made it his life's work to change the splattered image of law enforcement in Brunswick County and to make a difference in the lives of the people in his county.

Today he oversees a 145-person department with a $9.3 million annual budget, housed in a new $7.5 million office and jail complex. But beyond the stats, this UNC Wilmington criminal justice major is leading the department with confidence, style, class and charm.

His roots run deep in this coastal region. He still lives on the same land near Holden Beach that has been in his family for generations. Growing up working with his grandfather on a tobacco farm and bagging groceries at the Red & White in Shallotte, he developed a love of the land and sea and a passion for hunting and fishing.

He knew from about age 4 that he wanted a career in law enforcement, and he would tell his customers at the Red & White that one day, he would be sheriff of Brunswick County. After high school he sought to attend UNCW.

"I was very good in English but my math SAT score was low," he said. "Dean of Admissions Ralph Parker, from Southport in Brunswick County, admitted me as a special student and told me I had one chance to prove myself. UNCW took a chance on me."

He enrolled in fall 1981 and graduated in spring 1985 as a dean's list student. What sounds pretty typical for a college student was anything but for Hewett. While attending UNCW, he worked as an emergency medical technician and studied basic law enforcement at Brunswick Community College. On June 30, 1983, right after midnight on his 20th birthday, he was sworn in with the Holden Beach Police Department as the country's youngest law enforcement officer.

In an ironic turn of events, a deputy sheriff's slot opened up after Operation Gateway unveiled widespread law enforcement involvement in smuggling Colombian marijuana into the county by the boatload and the sheriff was arrested.

Thirteen days after being sworn as a policeman, rising UNCW junior and full-time student Hewett was sworn in as a deputy in the Brunswick County Sheriff's Department. He was able to work and graduate in four years by taking 13 hours each semester and two courses each summer session.

Randy LaGrange, professor of sociology and criminal justice, remembers Hewett fondly. A brand new professor in the early 80s,

Home again

Girls Club childhood experience turns into a career

She gathered her resources, and made her dreams possible when the Sunshine Lady Foundation and the Sutton Foundation awarded scholarships that paid her tuition and fees, books, supplies and most of her childcare expenses.

"I received a master's degree in public administration with a concentration in nonprofit management in May of 2004 from UNCW," she continued.

During the last semester while working on her master's degree, she was employed part-time with Family Support Network. Eventually, the part-time position led to a full-time job with New Hanover Regional Medical Center, where she worked on a cancer disparities grant from the National Cancer Institute.

"Though the work was rewarding, it was medical-based, and I continued to long to work with children and families," she said.

Of her latest achievement she feels, "It is a great pleasure to work for Girls Incorporated of Wilmington."

Girls Inc. is a unique organization that focuses on gender equity, inspiring girls to be strong, smart and bold. It tackles issues such as pregnancy prevention, self-esteem, science, math and technology skills and economic literacy.

Bradley says she is "not blind of the challenges" that she faces as director of a struggling organization.

"Many young women and adult women have been directly touched by Girls Inc. ... however we lack the community support, input and financing," she said. "Funding is always a challenge. It's always good to receive grant awards, but grants end, so increasing financial stability and local support is a challenge."

This 31-year-young visionary has certainly accepted the calling to be an inspiration to young girls with honor and gratitude. She's humble enough to remain grounded, yet confident enough to believe that all the she hopes for Girls Inc. will bloom into fruition.

"I do not take my appointment lightly and will strive to attain the highest goals to achieve ... the mission to provide programs that help girls develop their potential to become responsible, self-confident and successful women," she said.

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LaGrange recalls "Sheriff Ron" as a good student, energetic, who always sat in the front of the class, always asked questions and always had his hand up in the air.

Hewett's career included time as a uniformed patrol deputy, sergeant, drug agent, and in 1990, he was appoint lieutenant and placed over the Drug Abuse Resistance Education (DARE) program. Over four years with DARE, he touched the lives of 800 children a year and was recognized as U.S. DARE Officer of the Year in 1993.

"That experience changed my life when I found out one law enforcement officer could make a difference, one child at a time," he said.

In 1994, then-Sheriff John Carr Davis decided not to seek re-election, and 30-year-old Hewett was elected the youngest sheriff ever in the state.

During his 22-year career in law enforcement, Hewett has worked brutal murders, jail breaks, domestic situations and shootouts. He's particularly hard on illegal drugs and domestic violence. He's been touched by the children he's rescued from abusive homes.

In 1999, WECT-TV news photographer Daniel Kraus captured him on film emerging from a trailer at a homicide scene holding a baby in one hand and a rifle in the other, which Kraus called the representation of good and evil.

Thus began a three-year documentation of the life of Hewett at work and at home that has been turned into a *cinema verité* feature called *Sheriff*. It premiered in Manhattan to excellent reviews and is currently showing in selected cities and film festivals around the country.

Elected president of the N.C. Sheriffs' Association in July, he wanted to do something different to mark that occasion. His wife Julie suggested a cookbook containing favorite recipes from 100 sheriffs across the state. So the book *Ronald E. Hewett: Recipes & Remembrances* was created and immediately sold out with some $26,000 in profits benefiting Lower Cape Fear Hospice.

What's next for Sheriff Ron?

His ambition continues to be serving as sheriff of Brunswick County, living on family land with his family, hunting and fishing and eating all of what he kills or catches, including flounder livers and mullet gizzards. He will continue to be a guest lecturer for UNCW's Adult Scholars program.

As county demographics change, he knows that to be re-elected, he must get to know the people in gated communities who rarely require law enforcement services.

"They need to know I'm an old-style conservative Democrat, that we share family values and a desire for a safe environment," he said.

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November

3	North Carolina Symphony*
5	UNCW Arts in Action Sarah Vowell
17-20	UNCW Theater *Womb of the Moon**
24-25	Thanksgiving UNCW Offices Closed
26	*The Nutcracker**
28	UNCW Arts in Action Doc Watson and David Holt*

December

1	Last Day of Classes
3-9	Final Exams
4	Wilmington Symphony*
9	N.C. Dance Festival*
10	Commencement
13	Wilmington Symphony* Annual Pops Concert
20-22	Moscow Ballet*

January 2006

9	Wilmington Concert Association* Alvin Ailey II
11	Classes Begin
16	Martin Luther King Jr. Holiday UNCW Offices Closed
27-29	Homecoming Weekend
27	North Carolina Symphony* Mozart's 250th Birthday Celebration
29	Wilmington Concert Association* Helikon Opera, *Die Fledermaus*

February

10	UNCW Department of Music* Jazz Ensembles
16-19	UNCW Theater* *A Year with Frog and Toad*
20	UNCW Leadership Lecture Series* Paul Solman, "The Economics of Healthcare"
21	UNCW Arts in Action* Ladysmith Black Mambazo
23	UNCW Music Department* Evening of Brass
25	Wilmington Symphony Orchestra*
27	UNCW Music Department* Wind Symphony

March

4-12	Spring Break
4-7	Men's Basketball CAA Tournament Richmond, Va.
9-12	Women's Basketball CAA Tournament Fairfax, Va.
11	Wilmington Concert Association* Kremlin Orchestra
18	UNCW Arts in Action* Hubbard 2 Dance Company
20	UNCW Leadership Lecture Series* David Halberstam, "America and the World: New Challenges in a Time of Uncertainty"

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Tickets for all "active" alumni will be available through the alumni association. The African American Graduate Association plans to host a full schedule of events.

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